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Rushall May fair princess, Abigail Gill, aged seven, and the queen Ellie Edwards, 10

Girls delighted at roles for big event

Seven-year-old Abigail Gill and Ellie Edwards, 10, are to be princess and queen at the annual Rushall May Fair. They were drawn out of a hat for the 11th fair on Easter Monday.

David Blakemore, of Rushall May Fair committee, said they were "over the moon" to be picked, and that the decision marks the lead-up to the biggest event in the Rushall calendar.

He said: "The fair has grown a lot over the last 11 years, it's a chance for groups and charities to raise money and we ask for donations for the committee to fund the following year's fair."

The fair, including a bouncy castle, maypole dancing and hopefully Morris dancers, will be on Rushall Playing Fields, off Rowley Place, from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Improvement cash available drops from £24m to £9m

CUTS TO HIT SPENDING ON SCHOOLS

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Cash to improve schools across Walsall has been cut by more than half for this year, it has emerged.

Just over £9 million has been allocated towards work such as building maintenance for this financial year.

It compares to almost £24 million which was given to education chiefs for 2010-11. Despite the cutback, money has still been set aside for a number of improvements. Around £180,000 is set to be spent on replacement heating at Harden Primary School and Delves Infant and Junior.

Up to £200,000 is earmarked for similar works to be completed at Kings Hill Primary School in Darlaston. Elsewhere, around £180,000 is set for an upgrade of the art block at Joseph Leckie Community Technology College.

Meanwhile, £80,000 is expected to be spent on sprucing up the dining room at Willenhall School Sports College. The cost of work is made up from Government grants, contributions from developers, capital receipts and money from schools.

In 2009/10 the amount of money allocated was £22,374,468 and was similarly high at £23,932,365 last year. But a report to Walsall Council's cabinet states there has been much less money made available.

Susan Lupton, head of planning and development services, said: "In 2011/12, the total capital funding for investment at schools in Walsall is £9,359,687 which is significantly below the allocations in the last three years and less than half the funding level in the current year."

Funds bid for golf course

Bids for funding to convert Walsall's only municipal golf course into a country park will be submitted this autumn, council chiefs have said.

The park with picnic areas and horse riding and cycling routes is to replace The Grange which shut down more than a year ago.

Up to £400,000 is to be spent on the project at the Walsall Arboretum Extension and it is hoped funding will be available from the likes of Woodland Creation Grants. Bosses are now preparing external bids for money.

These would allow the former

nine-hole course of around 40 years to become a lush woodland area.

Chris Holliday, head of leisure and community health at Walsall Council said: "We can understand that everyone is looking forward to what will be a forest in the heartland of the Black Country."

Backing

"The country park will be a magnificent asset and a fabulous extension to the Victorian Arboretum. Bids will be submitted to various grant giving bodies by the end of September."

The country park idea has received the backing of the decision-making Cabinet. It aims to fit in with the multi-million transformation of the town's premier park.

Currently under way, it includes a new visitor centre, cafe and meeting room facilities along with refurbishment of the bandstand and boathouse.

The golf course was closed down in January last year after leisure bosses said it was losing £36,000 a year and was part of widespread budget cuts to help claw back millions of pounds.

Girls celebrate their new kit



Girls from Cooper and Jordan Primary School are delighted with their new kit supplied by Ross Warwood, owner of Lime Hair Salon, who is pictured left with Dan Johns, the school's PE development coach

A girls' football team has a new kit – after seven months of wearing the boys' old one. The girls at Cooper and Jordan Primary School, Aldridge, used to have to wear a football kit of odd socks, shorts and old yellow tops.

They have now got a new kit after writing letters to local businesses asking for sponsorship. Lime hair and beauty salon in Aldridge donated £350 for the new kit to show their support for the nearby school.

Daniel Johns, PE development coach at the school, said: "It's brilliant

they sponsored us. It's so nice that they are giving us their support."

The new kit is black with Lime's logo on the front.

Mr Johns said: "It's certainly different, you can't miss us. The girls love their new kit. They can't wait to play their next game."

The school has had a girls' football team since September, following the success of an after school football club they ran last year. The team are in the Walsall schools league, where they came third this season.

Potholes fix will work, drivers told

A new strategy for tackling potholes on Walsall's weather-ravaged roads has come into force, with bosses insisting it will be a permanent solution.

New machinery and techniques are being used to tackle the potholes blighting the borough's roads.

Transport chiefs said with previous repairs, engineers had been called back to repair potholes that had already been tackled in 84 per cent of cases. But under the new system, which was first tried last year, they have not had to return to any.

Borough transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said it may take a while to repair all the potholes but the benefits would be long-lasting.

In February it was revealed 1,500 potholes had appeared on the borough's roads in just two months as one of the worst winters for decades struck the region. Repairs were costing £6,000 a day – double the average spend.

Councillor Ansell said: "The principal before was to go and fill up the potholes with concrete, hammer it in and leave it. But in a lot of cases we would end up going back to repair them again next time they have been damaged."

"Now we're working on a more permanent solution. Now we cut the hole out into a square bigger than the size of the pothole and seal it properly so it lasts and we don't have to go back."

Councillor Ansell said while it may take a little while longer to fix the thousands of divots and holes in the roads it would have more lasting effects. Extra vehicles have also been taken on to carry more materials and tackle larger patches of land.

Walsall Council has also made £150,000 of extra funding available.

Youth gangs to be moved on with new order

Gangs who are plaguing the streets of Moxley will be split up and sent home under new police powers to tackle anti-social behaviour. A dispersal order is due to come into force for the area on May 1.

Residents have long complained about gangs of youths gathering on the streets, drinking alcohol and causing criminal damage. Figures show police have dealt with 437 incidents relating to anti-social behaviour and nuisance in the area since August.

Now, gangs spotted gathering in High Street, part of Moxley Road, Charnwood Close, Queen Street, Burns Road, Glyn Avenue and Bull Lane can be ordered to leave and not return for up to 24 hours. Youngsters in the area between 9pm and 6am will be returned to the care of an adult.

Sgt Darren Finlan, from the Rough Hay and Moxley neighbourhood team, said: "We have received complaints from local residents and businesses about young people congregating and causing nuisance in and around the Moxley area."

"We take anti-social behaviour seriously and hope the new dispersal order along with partnership activities will help us work towards dealing with local concerns."

Officers will also be armed with cameras to capture any incidents of anti-social behaviour they come across and use it as evidence. Police are also working with partners to make sure youngsters in the area are diverted towards safe activities.

Councillor Paul Bott, independent representative for Darlaston South, welcomed the move but said activities needed to be available for young people.

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Scheme for safety hit by cut

A grant to help tackle anti-social behaviour in Walsall could be cut by about 50 per cent next year. The council will try to find funding.

Walsall Council has been given a Community Safety Grant for 2011 and 2012 but has already been warned to expect the following year's offering to be lower. This year, the authority was given £299,898 from central Government but this looks set to be cut to £151,719. The figures were revealed in a report to Walsall Council's community services scrutiny panel.

The report said: "Financial restraints have placed significant pressure on the anti-social behaviour unit in terms of expansion, service delivery and staff development."

"Bids have been made to external sources in order to meet the funding shortfall and address these areas."

Resulted

"Other income streams will be explored as appropriate."

In 2009, the council's Community Safety Service was merged with the Public Protection Service to create the Public Safety department.

This resulted in a major staffing restructuring, but the report revealed further cost-cutting measures have once again affected staff.

It said: "Although the existing six anti-social behaviour officer posts have been unaffected, some supporting roles have been lost, either through the loss of Home Office grant funding or through savings."

The report also revealed a new anti-social behaviour IT system is to be installed at the council soon.

Anti-social behaviour includes graffiti, fly-tipping and vandalism as well as issues relating to crime and safety.



Drivers Raj Bhutta and John Mitchell off to Tanzania

Bus drivers on African adventure

Two bus drivers are swapping the streets of Walsall for the hot and dusty roads of Africa on a two week mission to improve driving standards in Tanzania.

John Mitchell and Raj Bhutta usually drive around the borough but have gone to Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania, to aid a project run by charity Transaid.

Few of the 30,000 bus drivers on Tanzania's roads have received any formal training and are not licensed. Crash rates are high and road deaths are the third biggest premature killer after HIV and malaria.

The Tanzanian government has

introduced compulsory training and re-licensing for all drivers. National Express West Midlands drivers Mr Mitchell, aged 54, of Shard End and Mr Bhutta, 42, of Hampstead, will help with training.

Mr Mitchell said: "We understand driving conditions in Tanzania are very different to what we are used to in the West Midlands. We're looking forward to working with the local trainers to increase their knowledge and share some of the teaching methods we use at National Express. During their two weeks, they will take drivers out for practical training. Mr Bhutta has set up a blog where he

will post photographs and updates.

He said: "We thought it would be a good way for our family and friends to follow what we are doing on this incredibly worthwhile journey."

It is at <http://nationalexpress.tanzania.squarespace.com>

Dave Kaye, managing director of National Express West Midlands, said: "We are delighted to be able to share our professional expertise and help improve driving standards in Tanzania. Transaid has a strong record of delivering transport projects which make a real difference in developing countries and is a great partner to work with to improve standards."

Delight as dementia unit opens

A £5.5 million dementia care unit has opened in Walsall. Residents have already started settling in at the Goscoe Lane site, Goscoe.

Some 30 residential places, along with 10 respite places and day care facilities for people aged 55 plus who have been diagnosed with dementia are now available at The Watermill centre.

The scheme is a joint project between Walsall Council and Housing 21.

Bloxwich East councillor Kath Phillips, who visited the centre prior to its opening, said she was highly impressed by the services and facilities on offer there.

Suffering

"It is absolutely fantastic," she said. "It is such a good place for people who are unfortunately suffering from dementia and is right next door to the hospice, so that's two amazing new facilities next to each other."

"Everyone who works there is specifically trained to work with people suffering from dementia and it is something that has been needed for a long time in the borough."

The Watermill boasts two meeting rooms, a hobbies room, a treatment room and a visito rs' lounge as well as a shop, cafe and hairdressing salon. Accommodation is made up of four houses containing 10 en suite bedrooms. Courtyard sensory gardens are also attached to each house while each room has an ensuite wetroom.

Dog walker is ambushed

A man walking his dog in a Walsall park was ambushed by a gang of yobs who attacked him with his own walking stick - before leaving a good Samaritan who tried to intervene with head injuries.

The victim was in Palfrey Park when he was punched and hit with the walking stick by the gang.

Two passers-by came to his rescue but one, a 32-year-old man, was also struck over the head with the stick and is in a stable condition in hospital.

The 44-year-old victim had been walking his dogs in the park in Dale Street, when the attack happened.

Officers from the local neighbourhood teams are carrying out patrols in the park and surrounding areas.

A 23-year-old man has been charged with wounding and breaching an Asbo.

Police hope to trace other men in connection with the incident had been appealed for witnesses to the attack which took place between 8pm and 8.20pm April 2 to contact detectives on 0345 113 5000.

No joy over eyesore

A date for the demolition of an eyesore in the heart of Walsall is still to be fixed. The Overstrand, which was formerly a music venue and restaurant, is due to be pulled down in the next few months. It has been boarded up for around 15 years and its removal is part of the £21 million Old Square Shopping Centre revamp.

Tragic pair seemed to be in a race - witness

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Two brothers were killed when their Subaru Impreza careered out of control and struck a parked van moments after it was seen apparently racing another car that was never traced, an inquest heard.

Driver Asif Javed, aged 23, died at the scene and his brother Naveed Aslam, 18, was pronounced dead in hospital after the accident in West Bromwich Road, Delves.



Naveed Aslam



Driver Asif Javed

They were returning from Birmingham on November 16 last year after celebrating the Muslim festival of Eid with friend Isaac James and cousin Shehzad Ali, who were badly injured.

Mr James, 18, of Ely Road, and Mr Ali, 17, of Durham Road, both Alunwell, are both still recovering and said they could not remember anything about the accident.

Motorist Sinaful Ahmed, of Alexander Road, Palfrey, Walsall, told the Sandwell inquest he saw the Subaru and a red Peugeot pass. He said: "They were going at high speed. I thought they were having a race."

Revealed

Investigator Pc Paul Hopley said skid marks were consistent with the Subaru veering out of control on the left hand bend before spinning sideways into a parked Renault van and railings.

Tests revealed the car had been driven at speeds of about 49 to 50mph, but had slowed to 30 to 40mph before impact. The speed limit is 30mph.

Black Country assistant deputy coroner Clive Loyns recorded a narrative verdict that the men, of Jerome Road, Alunwell, died as a result of "injuries sustained in a road traffic collision".

Speed sign warning put at death road

Flashing speed warning signs have been installed along a busy Walsall road where two brothers were killed in a horror car crash.

The 30mph warnings are operating along West Bromwich Road, Delves, to remind motorists of the maximum speed limit.

The safety measures have been installed by council chiefs on the main route between Walsall and Sandwell after calls from residents.

There is one on each

side of the carriageway between Brockhurst Crescent and Fullbrook Road which flash up to passing motorists.

Jamie Morris, Walsall Council executive director for neighbourhoods, said: "We've listened carefully to the views of residents and we've responded by installing two speed warning signs in West Bromwich Road."

"These cost £3,000 each and they're part of a rolling programme."

"The signs act to flash drivers a reminder of the speed limit."

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Pupils egged on to help



Some of the youngsters who have been collecting Easter eggs for charity. From back, left to right, Jessica Gnosill, Joshua Spruce, Bethaney Merrell and, front, Albert Thompson

Generous youngsters at a Walsall school accumulated 370 Easter eggs to give to two worthy causes.

Four house captains at Ryders Hayes Primary School, based in Gilpin Crescent, Pelsall, came up with the idea to collect eggs and soon had fellow pupils, staff and parents bringing them in.

Jessica Gnosill, Joshua Spruce, Bethaney Merrell and Albert Thompson were the four children who led the campaign and they were amazed at the response.

Their total was boosted by a large

donation of eggs from a One-Stop store, Pelsall. Before the end of term the eggs were delivered in person by staff and pupils to patients at Birmingham Children's Hospital and Sandwell Young Carers.

Yvonne Smith, administration manager at Sandwell Young Carers, said: "We have 46 children under the age of 12, caring for sick and disabled relatives. It means a lot to us all here that these young pupils have stopped to think about other children of their own age, in less fortunate circumstances."

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Counts face parking poser Poster crime warning

Candidates and council staff will have to be ferried to the elections count in Walsall because of a lack of parking space. It is being held at the Walsall campus of Wolverhampton University, Gorway Road, which is undergoing a revamp with a £10 million arts centre being built.

There are 545 car parking spaces available across the campus, along with an extra 235 on an overspill site, but council chiefs have admitted there will not be enough room and are putting on buses.

Peter Allsop, Walsall Council electoral services manager, said: "The count is taking place on Friday,

May 6 because the chief counting officer for the AV referendum has directed that the verification has to be completed by 1pm that day. The counting of the referendum cannot commence until 4pm on May 6, therefore it made sense to carry out the local council and referendum counts on Friday.

"Friday is a normal day for the university and there will be heavy demand for on-site parking."

Derek Bennett, chairman of the Walsall UKIP branch, said: "The failure to provide parking will create a major headache for people wishing to attend the count."

A poster campaign has been launched by police in the West Midlands to warn residents of the crime risk during the warmer months. They are being put on buses and trains to give advice on preventing burglaries, robberies, vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour. The Serve and Protect initiative warns people against leaving their gates and windows open at home.

Advice includes locking doors from inside, only have ground floor windows open if you are in the room.

It emerged last week that a silver Audi A5 and a Porsche were taken from Barr Common Road, Aldridge, after car keys were stolen from inside a property which was not secured.

Det Sgt Rich Marsh, from Walsall CID, said many insurance policies will not pay out if people leave upstairs windows open while at work.

Drivers face jams due to roadworks

Motorists are to be hit with two weeks of major roadworks, including one-way systems, road closures and diversions, along busy roads in Walsall.

Lichfield Road, Lindon Road, Brownhills Road and Commonsidge in Shire Oak will all be affected by the work, which is to improve a new luxury housing estate.

Thirty five three and four-bedroom houses have been built on the £1.8 million site of the former reservoir and work needs to be carried out to improve the roads and junctions of the estate.

The roadworks are scheduled to run until April 25, during which time another street in Walsall town centre will also be closed.

In Shire Oak, Lichfield Road will be 24-hour one-way traffic only from its junction with Chester Road down to Salters Road for motorists travelling south. Diversions will be in place for those moving north along Brownhills Road, Lindon Road and back up Chester Road.

Originally

Lindon Road will also be one-way for traffic travelling north between Chandlers Keep and Chester Road.

The work is to be carried out by Pacesone Construction on behalf of Morris Homes Ltd. Meanwhile, until April 25, Proffitt Street in Walsall town centre will be closed for sewer relining work.

It will be closed between its junctions with Marlow Street and Stafford Street while work is carried out on behalf of Severn Trent Water.

The Shire Oak housing estate was originally meant to be 40 homes but was downsized, with housing ranging in price from £177,750 to £214,750.

The reservoir was demolished in the summer of 2009 after being redundant for decades.

Originating in 1893, it was in use for three years before subsidence triggered by work at Walsall Wood colliery.

After the structure was reinforced in 1924, the reservoir fell out of use once and for all just 14 years later.

Objections end plans for store

Plans for a new shop selling alcohol in a neighbourhood already plagued by youths accused of drink and vandalism have been withdrawn after about 250 residents objected.

About 200 people living in Ryecroft and Coalpool signed a petition and 50 wrote letters to Walsall Council protesting at plans for a general store at the old post office in Coalpool Lane.

They said it would increase anti-social behaviour further after problems with yobs swearing at pensioners, vandalising homes and gardens.

Applicant Harjit Singh withdrew the application despite promising to install CCTV to deter large groups from congregating and to ensure the staff was fully trained. Danny Hardy, the agent acting on his behalf, declined to comment.

Blakenall representative Councillor Pete Smith said: "The residents living near where this shop would have been located have spoken loud and clear."

"The vast majority of residents didn't want it. The police have supported the residents due to the issues of anti-social behaviour."

Wedding art display

Wedding memorabilia loaned from people in Walsall will go on display at Walsall Museum next week. Photographs, good luck charms, cards, invitations and receipts showing how the cost of weddings have changed over the years will be exhibited at the Lichfield Street museum from April 5 to May 7. Both exhibitions will coincide with the Royal Wedding on April 29. For more information call 01922 653116.

Fury at loss of pigeons

Hawk attacks on pigeons are forcing fanciers out of the sport, flying clubs have claimed.

Enthusiasts are now calling on the Government to allow them to cull birds of prey.

Up to six owners in Walsall have given up the hobby after birds such as buzzards, sparrowhawks and peregrine falcons decimated flocks.

Clubs said there are weekly reports of strikes and have urged owners to keep exercise sessions short and support the campaign for the cull.

John Fouracre, aged 75, of Walsall Wood Flying Club, said: "Last week my youngest birds were perched on the shed roof when a hawk swooped on them."

"They scattered, flew away and only eight out of the 10 came back afterwards."

Secretary of Bloxwich Memorial Four Bird Specialist Club Tony Dean said: "I know of six people from the Bloxwich, Walsall, Willenhall areas who have called it a day."

He said 200 signatures had been collected backing a cull as part of a national campaign.

RSPB spokesman Grahame Madge said the body was opposed to action against birds of prey after seeing some breeds recover from the brink of extinction, but was sympathetic over any loss of any pigeons.

New plea over raid

Police are reappearing for information following a robbery at a Moxley post office. Four masked men struck in Roberts Close on Tuesday of last week at 10.15am.

Armed with some sort of weapon, they smashed the glass screen partitioning the post office, before stealing cash and escaping in a blue vehicle. Anyone with information can call police on 0345 113 5000.



NHS Walsall's programme manager Gill Grigg tries out a hospice in-patient room



The £5.5million hospice has been more than 20 years in the making



Natural light – the cafe is typical of how the hospice is designed to be comfortable



Beneath the Tree of Life in the courtyard are, from the left, Geoff Archenholt, Trish Skitt, Peter Holliday and Michael Scott

The long wait over as hospice finally opens

It has been more than 20 years in the making, but Walsall's first hospice is ready.

The £5.5 million St Giles Walsall Hospice opened its doors on Monday as the first of its kind in the town, and last week it held a series of open days this week.

The entrance forms part of the main atrium where patients and visitors are admitted.

A room off the atrium is a "multicultural space" with facilities for people of all faiths to go to pray. Along with natural light from a main window, there is also a narrow, floor to ceiling stained glass window with the shape of a tree emblazoned in it.

The central theme running through the centre is, deliberately, one of life. It is built around a central courtyard, ensuring windows and patio doors could be installed wherever possible and allowing light to flow through it.

The courtyard itself has plants and benches, and in its centre is the Tree of Life sculpture with coloured glass leaves which can be lit up at night.

Gill Grigg, NHS Walsall's programme manager for the hospice

project for four years, said: "People associate places like this with death, and one of the things that came out of our community engagement in Walsall was that it had to be all about life, and not to focus on death. We want to make sure that members of the public see it as much as a place to live as a place to die."

The 12 in-patient beds are in ensuite rooms. In three rooms where everything from the curtains and the television set to the bed height can be altered at the touch of an iPad.

Involved

Patients who have severe disabilities can even use their chins to operate the device. The centre also has two rooms for holistic treatments, which are not only offered to patients for stress relief but to their relatives and the staff.

There are also areas for children visiting patients to play so that they can still be involved in their relatives' lives. Around the centre there are four photos printed onto canvas, featuring trees and woodland in Walsall, including one of Pelsall Common. Head of

palliative and end of life care for Walsall Community Health Sue Crabtree said: "Many of the patients who use the services here will do so as part of their recovery and their ongoing care."

"For other patients, although they may have an illness that will remain with them, we will be able to offer a range of treatments that will enable them to live positive and fulfilling lives as long as they are able to do so."

The community in Walsall has been campaigning for its own dedicated hospice facility for decades, but the project did not get off the ground until recent years when the primary care trust got involved with helping to fund the building work.

The first organisation which had the dedicated hospice as its ultimate aim was the Sister Dora Hospice Appeal, which was set up about 23 years ago.

In 1992 the Little Bloxwich Day Hospice was established in Stoney Lane, to which the charity donated £50,000, but the campaigners still called for an inpatient hospice, particularly as statistics showed the cancer rates in the town were higher than the

national average. In the mid 1990s the charity formed a partnership with the Walsall Health Authority, which has since become the primary care trust, and after professional marketing advice in 2003 it became the Walsall Hospice Appeal along with the honeycomb logo - signifying healing and comfort.

The contract for providing care at the centre was awarded to St Giles last year, which currently runs a hospice in Lichfield, and the hospice appeal charity has been incorporated into the provider.

Increased

It will continue to raise cash to fund running and equipment costs at the hospice, and the NHS will also provide services including chemotherapy and bereavement services at the centre.

Little Bloxwich patients will now be transferred to St Giles, and its capacity of 14 beds will be increased to 20 at the new centre.

In spite of the success in raising the money to get the facility built, hospice chief executive Peter Holliday said the work will be ongoing, as £750,000 was

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Homes lose power Boy racers target retail park

More than 12,000 households in Walsall were without power in the early hours of Monday.

The power failures at about 3.05am affected 12,162 electricity customers across the borough, including Bentley, Darlaston and Palfrey.

Western Power Distribution spokeswoman Irene Evans said the power was restored to 7,678 customers 15 minutes later, and a further 1,100 homes were reconnected to power at

about 4am. The rest of the households were reconnected through alternative supplies in stages, and all customers had their power back on by 5.20am.

Ms Evans said: "We don't know the fault and we are still investigating. As soon as we find out we will work to put it right. We apologise for any inconvenience to our customers."

More than 2,500 homes, shops and firms lost electricity in Wednesfield, later that day due to another cut.

Boy racers are gathering at a Walsall retail park and using it as an unofficial late-night speed track. Up to 15 cars are regularly congregating at the Bescot Retail Park causing a nuisance to others, it has been claimed. Police have vowed to take tough action against those creating a problem in Bescot Crescent and the surrounding area.

This has included moving on around 50 vehicles in nearby Wallows Lane at the weekend after complaints were received. Groups have been seen and heard gathering at the retail park after stores have closed up to five times a month. It has led to con-

cerns from residents that racers risk causing collisions due to handbrake turns and wheel spins. The noise created is also making their lives a misery.

Vivja Kainth, vice chairman of the Palfrey and Caldmore neighbourhood watch, said there have been long-standing problems. "It has been going on a few years and residents are fed up of screaming noises," he said. "There needs to be some enforcement and needs to be monitored."

Police insisted they have worked with other agencies to tackle the issue in the past and urged anyone experiencing problems to get in touch with officers.

Homes plan decision is put on hold

The man behind a controversial development in an upmarket area of Walsall says he has been left in limbo after council chiefs refused to consider plans for new homes.

The scheme for Woodside Close, Park Hall, has been in the pipeline for more than three years, with four previous planning applications rejected after going to government appeal. A fifth proposal was due to be considered by the planning committee last week and was recommended for approval by officers. But the development, which would see a house and six flats pulled down to make way for a complex with 14 apartments in three blocks, was withdrawn from the agenda by Walsall Council.

The scheme has sparked controversy with a 248-name petition and more than 50 letters objecting to it. The council said the reason for withdrawing the application was further matters raised by residents.

David Stone, who owns and lives at the site, is now waiting to hear when the plan will be considered.

"It is difficult to understand the basis of that reason from the council," said Mr Stone, who owns other properties in the borough and previously worked at the family-run Abberley Hotel, Bescot Road.

Expenditure

"The report was fairly substantial in covering everything and the rest could have been covered by a supplementary report," he said.

"I have now made five applications at a considerable cost. It is a significant amount of expenditure I have had to find to continue these applications."

"I accept it has been refused on appeal but I believe this current application meets the demands we were asked for. I am seeking for the democratic process to be carried through."

David Elsworth, head of planning and building control, said: "The latest application was withdrawn from the committee following the receipt of further representation from residents who raised additional matters. These are to be addressed in the report and reported back to the committee."

Number plates thefts warning

Forty car number plate sets were stolen across Walsall during a month-long crime spree that saw the number of thefts more than double, police have revealed. The plates, which can be used to disguise cars involved in crimes, were taken in March.

Eleven 11 were sets stolen within Walsall, 12 in Willenhall, nine in Blaxwich, two in Darlaston and six in Aldridge. In January there were 18 taken and the spate of thefts has prompted a police warning.

In other parts of the Black Country plates have been stolen to mask the true identity of cars used in thefts of fuel at petrol stations, which has risen in light of the rising prices at the pumps.

However, officers say there is no evidence to suggest the latest thefts of registration plates have been used for this.

Sgt Kelvin Rowlands, from Walsall police station, said: "The thefts have been across the whole of Walsall and there are no set times or patterns."

"There is unfounded speculation that the thefts could be attributed to fuel thefts. In Walsall we have had no increase in this type of crime."

Owners can protect their plates by fixing anti-theft security screws. These are available from hardware and car spares outlets.

It can cost around £30 for replacements.

Betting shop closed

A Walsall town centre betting shop which was closed following allegations of drug dealing is to remain shut for another two weeks. Coral's Bradford Street branch was closed by officers who visited the premises on Tuesday of last week as part of a crackdown on street dealers and anti-social behaviour.

West Midlands Police was expected to apply for a permanent closure order at Walsall Magistrates Court, but the hearing was adjourned until April 14.

Voting action ended

A former Tory election candidate has been cleared of any wrongdoing after he was arrested on suspicion of postal vote fraud.

Gulfam Wali, aged 33, who was never charged with any offence, said he was relieved after West Midlands Police told him the matter had been dropped. He has vowed to stand again in 2012.

He was arrested last May by detectives probing claims that postal votes in the Walsall ward where he stood for election were inappropriately used.

Mr Wali, of Neale Street, Birchills, who failed to get elected in Pleck ward, was arrested by detectives from the specialist economic crime team on suspicion of personation, which is an allegation that votes have been cast in other people's names.

"I am delighted with the outcome," he said. "I have no idea where the allegations came from. I was confident the truth would come out. The level of support I have received from the community and colleagues has been tremendous."

The investigation was the first West Midlands Police operation of its kind and related to the 2010 polls.

Det Sgt Paddy Gillette, of West Midlands Police economic crime unit, said: "We can confirm this investigation has been discontinued."

Fundraiser campaign

Residents are being asked to support St John Ambulance in its latest door-to-door fundraising campaign.

A team of fundraisers dressed in St John Ambulance clothing and carrying identification will be calling at homes across Walsall until the end of the year.

They will be asking people to become long-term supporters.

Suspended sentence for smiling lead thief



Craig Smith leaving court

Borough hit by 120 thefts

Metal thieves have struck in Walsall more than 120 times in just 31 days, stealing copper cable, valuable car parts and lead from roofs, including a job centre. An average of four metal thefts were reported each and every day to police in Walsall throughout March.

Officers have vowed to continue in the fight against the thieves, who struck in Darlaston, Willenhall, Blaxwich and several other locations across the borough.

In total, 122 crimes were reported in Walsall throughout March and there were 21 arrests. They included lead stolen from the roof of Darlaston Job Centre early on March 2 and a haul of suspected copper cabling discovered in a lorry on Wednesfield Road, Willenhall, the day before.

Large goods vehicles have also been targeted for their metal parts, resulting in a specialist police team labelling the borough a national blackspot for lorry thefts.

To tackle the problem, police carried out action days, marked valuable metal with an identifying solution and visited borough scrapyards.

Operation Steel was relaunched last September to tackle the growing number of metal thefts.

As well as Walsall Council and the Department for Work and Pensions, scrap merchants have also come on board and support weekly police visits.

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A metal thief who was part of a two-man team who stripped lead from pensioners' homes in Walsall left court smiling after avoiding an immediate jail term.

Craig Andrew Smith took lead and lead flashing from two properties in Warren Place, Brownhills, causing around £1,000 damage.

Alongside accomplice Adam Roy Tipper they climbed on roofs during the late-night attack on March 28. They then tried to run away from police and hide behind a wall but were picked up by officers alerted to intruders by a worried pensioner.

Smith, who had admitted two counts of theft, appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court on Friday for sentencing.

He was sentenced to 16 weeks imprisonment, suspended for 18 months and ordered to pay £350 compensation. Smith, who was also given a community order with 12 months supervision, pleaded guilty to another charge of possessing cannabis and was fined £50.

Mr Jason Corden-Bowen, prosecuting, said when questioned by police the 31-year-old of Vicarage Road, Brownhills, admitted the intention was to sell it on.

His accomplice Tipper, 27, of Vicarage Road, Brownhills, was jailed on Wednesday for 10 weeks for each theft to be served consecutively. He received a further four weeks for twice breaching a suspended jail sentence for a burglary committed in December.

Alerted

At that hearing the court was told the pair crept into Warren Place and climbed on to the roofs of homes.

Officers were alerted by an elderly resident when the dog he was looking after started to bark. He looked out the window where he saw two men on the path.

Police found a pile of lead near the homes. More lead and cannabis were found at Smith's house. The victims of the lead thefts were aged 81 and 76, respectively.

Miss Kossar Qureshi, representing Smith, said he would be willing to pay back compensation.

Girls net competition success



St John's school netball team who were awarded best netball team in their category. Captain Grace Hartshorne is at the front with her team

Netball players at a Walsall school overcame the competition to win every match played against other schools in the town.

A tournament was held over several months after it started in November, culminating in a final challenge where the best three schools played each other last week.

The pupils, aged 10 and 11, at St John's Primary School in Brook Lane, won every game against Castlefort

Primary, Walsall Wood and Millfield Primary, Brownhills, and they were awarded the trophy as the best netball team of their category in Walsall this year.

Teacher at the school Emma Rees said: "We didn't lose one game, they do love playing netball and they are clearly very good at it."

The final stage of the tournament was played at Brownhills School in Deakin Avenue.

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Boost to Olivia's charity

A charity set up in memory of a Brownhills schoolgirl who died from a rare infection has been awarded £10,000 to fund projects for families of disabled children.

The family of Olivia Meredith, aged nine, launched the Livvy's Smile project to raise cash for parties and fun days for other families to enjoy and generate happy memories.

The youngster attended Oakwood Special School, Walsall Wood. She had the conditions Rett syndrome and epilepsy and died November 2008 after suffering pneumonia caused by a rare bacteria.

Her family, of Peake Road, are over the moon after their application to Swiss Army Knife company Victorinox attracted £10,000 towards running more events for Walsall families, after their ideas for donkey parties and family days out impressed the company.

Mother Sara, aged 34, father Alan, 40, sisters Kennedy, 14, Eden 13 and Brodie, 10, were invited to a presentation ceremony in London.

Mrs Meredith said: "I'm still recovering from the shock after they rang to tell us that our application had been successful. I wrote it last November and put my heart and soul into explaining what we would like to do."

"The company have been amazing and were really interested in what we are doing." The money will be used to expand their programme to the wider community to ensure educational and interactive activities are available to all disabled children and their families within Walsall.

£30m stores investment

Bosses behind the arrival of Primark and Co-op in Walsall's Old Square Shopping Centre are investing £30 million to bring the move to reality.

It was originally thought £21 million would be spent on reviving the flagging complex but the construction of the eye-catching glass-fronted stores will cost millions more.

The scheme received many positive comments from shoppers at a recent consultation exhibition which was held at the shopping complex.

More than 170 people attended over two days. Shoppers have long called for Primark to set up in Walsall after opening two hugely successful stores in Wolverhampton and the Merry Hill Centre. Work on the Co-op and Primark could start in next March.

Fine warning for blocking drives

Parents who block drives while collecting children from outside school gates in Walsall were warned that they could face a £70 fine.

Enforcement officers on behalf of Walsall Council can issue tickets in a bid to reduce traffic congestion around the borough's schools.

Council chiefs are currently encouraging children to walk to school rather than arrive by car in a bid to improve their health.

Guardians' scheme

Property owners in Walsall can have their empty buildings protected against vandalism and anti-social behaviour as part of a new scheme.

It sees "guardians" move into vacant buildings meaning they do not need to become boarded-up eyesores.

Walsall Council has joined forces with property company Ad Hoc Property Management for such an

approach at Sanstone House in Bloxwich, Meadow House in Willenhall and Baytree House in Aldridge.

Under the agreement Ad Hoc finds responsible people to occupy and look after the property at a below market value rent after a strict vetting process.

For more information about the guardians scheme call 0121 773 8116 or email d.tubb@adhoc.eu.

Modernisation plan

Work is under way to modernise accommodation for homeless people in Walsall as part of a redesign scheme.

Sandwell House, Caldmore is undergoing works to convert the bedsits to self-contained flats for use as temporary accommodation for the homeless.

The scheme will be transferred from 56 bedsits, which have shared

facilities and are no longer fit for purpose, to 30 self-contained flats.

Similar work has also taken place at Rivers House, Goscoe, which is being converted from 21 bedsits, which were in poor condition, to 17 self-contained flats.

The plans are part of a larger service which includes self-contained flats at Dolphin House in Goscoe and Green Lane.

Bosses backing fees fight

Business bosses in Walsall have backed calls to scrap controversial Sunday car parking charges, saying as much as possible needs to be done to boost town centre trade.

A campaign has been launched to scrap the charges, which have boosted council coffers by £38,000 since they were introduced 18 months ago. A group of councillors say they are having a negative effect on the town centre, driving shoppers away.

Leading businessman Pat Newland has four businesses in the town, including Relko in Long Street, near the town centre.

He said he would like to see free off-street parking in Walsall town centre on Sundays, which would give businesses and the town centre a fighting chance of competing with the bigger retail parks.

Mr Newland, who is chairman of the Premier Business Park, said: "I think the on-street parking should remain payable because that means there will be short-term visitors into the town and things will keep flowing and moving."

"But if off-street parking is then free you give the centre of Walsall a chance to compete against the retail parks. If you go to the retail parks like the Gallagher or the Crown Wharf they are packed on Sundays with people who can park there for free."

"But parking is not the only thing that needs to be looked at, there are lots of other things."

Double lines cut problems

Double yellow lines have stopped town centre parking problems, such as cars left on blind bends, grass verges and a railway bridge, say council bosses.

Transport chiefs say £1,000 improvements in Portland Street, North Street and parts of Mill Street, Walsall, have worked wonders since February.

Motorists leaving their cars on a blind bend in Portland Street and on the North Street rail bridge, as well as grass verges at the rear of the college, sparked floods of complaints.

Transport chief Tom Ansell said newly painted double yellow lines "Have solved the problem."

"The residents and businesses who had complained are really pleased," he added.

Easter art will be shown in church

Pelsall Methodist Church is hosting art exhibition featuring about 20 pieces of work on Good Friday.

The items have been created by members of community groups which hold meetings at the Chapel Street church. The event will be open from 10am to 2pm and will be based on the theme 'What does Easter mean to you?' It will be followed by a meditation service.

Those take part in the display include uniformed groups such as rainbows, brownies, guides, beavers, cubs and scouts.

Cutbacks at council will close 20 offices

Hundreds of staff will be forced to relocate and share desks under a cost-cutting plan revealed by Walsall Council to dispose of more than 20 of its offices.

The authority is planning to get rid of buildings across the borough but will keep the Council House and Civic Centre, where 1,898 workers will have to share just 1,234 desks. Around 350 employees could also be temporarily accommodated at 293 desks at the Education Development Centre in Rushall, the home of schools manager walsallchronicle@expressandstar.co.uk

Speed alert signs for fatal road

Flashing speed warning signs have been installed along a busy Walsall road where two brothers were killed in a horror car crash.

The 30mph warnings are now operating along West Bromwich Road, Delves, to remind motorists of the maximum speed limit. Safety measures have been installed by council chiefs on the main route between Walsall and Sandwell after calls from residents.

There is one on each side of the carriageway between Brockhurst Crescent and Fullbrook Road to flash at motorists.

Jamie Morris, Walsall Council executive director for neighbourhoods, said: "We've listened carefully to the views of residents and we've responded by installing two speed warning signs in West Bromwich Road."

Reminder

"These cost £3,000 each and they're part of a rolling programme. The signs act to flash drivers a reminder of the speed limit."

In November Asif Javed, aged 23, and Naveed Aslam, 18, were killed in an accident. The cause is unknown. An inquest was opened and adjourned for further investigation.

Sales assistant Asif was pronounced dead at the scene in West Bromwich Road while student Naveed died at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

A tribute page called Rest in Peace Asif and Naveed, Gone but Never Forgotten attracted more than 1,000 members. The brothers were from Alumnell.

The warning signs come as speed cameras across the West Midlands have been switched off to save almost £1 million a year.

Police have looked to cut the expense of running 304 cameras in the region, 86 of which are already dummy housings. Only 34 cameras in the West Midlands have been in frequent use, three cameras in Wolverhampton, two in Walsall, six in Sandwell, four in Dudley, 18 in Birmingham and one in Solihull.

Hotdesk

Under the plans, staff would not have their own desks but would have to "hotdesk" at a different workstation each and every day. Workers would have their own passwords to log into the computer and phone system but would not have their own permanent workstations. Some, but not all council departments already do this.

The "surplus" buildings earmarked to be sold house around 1,000 staff and include sites in Norton Road and New Forest Road and Aldridge Manor House in Little Aston Road.

The Allen's Centre in Hilton Road is also in the firing line with the Bloxwich North community office in Buxton Road; Challenge Building in Hatherton Street; Delves Community Safety Office in West Bromwich Road; Educational Development Centre in Pelsall Lane and Educational Support Centre in Field Road.

New lunch club is served up



Project manager Sharon Felton serves up lunch to Evelyn Ricketts, aged 77, left, and Betty Barnbrook, 74, at Darlaston All Active Centre

MEALS were dished up to 30 people during the launch of a new luncheon club for over-50s in Walsall.

Bingo and entertainment by singer Tony Gold were also on the menu at Darlaston All Active Centre as the first lunch club was held at the Willenhall Road venue last week.

The weekly event will run on Thursdays from 11am-2pm, offering a two-course meal for £4.20 and activities including darts, computer games, light exercise classes and ballroom

dancing. The club proved a hit for Evelyn Ricketts, aged 77, of Apple-yard Close, Bentley.

The great-grandmother said: "There's nothing around here like this."

Great-grandmother-of-six Betty Barnbrook, 74, of Little Cross Street, Darlaston, added: "It's good value for money and it will encourage elderly people to come out of their homes."

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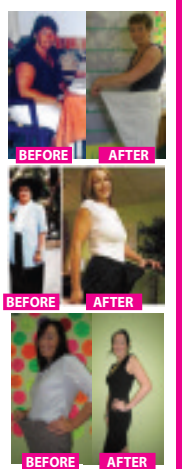
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Man given 10-year ban for dogs in filthy state

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A man has been banned from keeping animals for 10 years after his emaciated pet dogs were found living in "filthy" conditions at his Walsall home.

Pit bull Buddy was found locked inside a pen in the garden of the property in Bassett Street, Alumwell, and later had to be put down, while the mastiff Cruger, also found in the garden, was rehomed.

RSPCA Inspector Herchy Boal discovered the underweight animals living in dog dirt, and with old scars, Walsall Magistrates Court heard last week.

Their owner Ian Marsh, aged 48, admitted two charges of failing to ensure the needs of an animal were met with a suitable diet, and two charges of failing to provide a suitable environment which was hygienic and hazard free.

Mr Nick Sutton, prosecuting for the RSPCA, said Marsh had left the dogs alone, visiting on alternate days to feed and walk them.

He said: "The animals were being kept in filthy conditions. There was an enormous amount of excrement on the floor."

Hazards

"One of the dogs was locked in a small space. There was no water or food available. Glass bottles and other hazards were lying around. These animals have suffered. They were emaciated and thin."

"Because one of the animals was a prohibited animal it had to be put to sleep." He said the garden also featured a purpose-built kennel, raising concerns it may have been used for breeding.

Three weeks after the dogs were seized last September, the pit bull put on three kilograms and the mastiff gained 1.8kg.

Mrs Sheila Hicklin, mitigating, said: "My client has always said he is sorry about what happened. He's had dogs before and has been able to look after them."

She said Marsh had been under pressure after receiving threats and was trying to keep away from the property because he was worried about being assaulted.

Marsh was given a 12-week prison sentence suspended for two years, with a supervision requirement for 12 months. He was given a 12-week curfew between the hours of 7pm and 7am and ordered to pay £520 costs.

Marsh was told he cannot appeal his 10-year ban on keeping animals for five years.

Pupils set stage for a success

Weeks of hard work paid off for students at a Willenhall school with the performance of a comedy show.

Year 8 pupils from Pool Hayes Arts & Community School in Castle Drive organised and promoted When Will I Be Famous?

The youngsters involved, Mark Gibbons, Sonu Singh, Joe Ecclestone, Alex Page and Ashley Quilter, chose Hard Graft Theatre Company to come in and perform.

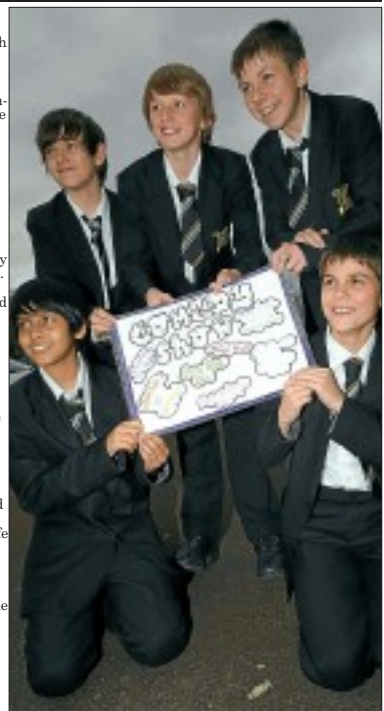
They designed the posters, sold tickets and took care of all the behind-the-scenes organisation.

Drama teacher Jemma Rowlinson congratulated the student team for their hard work and efforts on the project.

She said: "Black Country Touring's Young Promoters Scheme has been running since 2000 and has given new experiences and important life skills to young people all over the Black Country aged six to 18."

"Pool Hayes chose to take part in this scheme in order to bring more shows into the school and have the students more involved in running these shows."

"When Will I Be Famous? is a comedy about the struggles a young man has had to become famous."



Pool Hayes School pupils Mark Gibbons, aged 13, Alex Page, 12, Joe Ecclestone, 13, Sonu Singh, 13, and Ashley Quilter, 12 who have organised the show

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Cut-price car park is defying closure order

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A discount car park is continuing to operate in Walsall town centre almost three months after council chiefs ordered it to close.

The £3 all-day parking area was opened without planning permission and is undercutting the council price by £2.

Operators have notified Walsall Council they are looking to submit a retrospective application to run the car park off Lower Rushall Street. But planning bosses are still pursuing enforcement action that if ignored, could result in prosecution.

The car park was set up on derelict land just before Christmas, a few yards from three authority-owned parking sites costing £5 a day.

David Elsworth, head of planning and building control, said: "We have received notice from the operators that they are seeking to submit a retrospective planning application and have requested a meeting with the council's planning service this week."

"An enforcement notice will still be issued however, with the normal compliance period to follow."

Commuter

The land was formerly occupied by Eydlands factory and a planning application for a temporary commuter car park was turned down in 1997 on highways matters.

In January highways bosses said it was "dangerous" to attract vehicles to the uncontrolled car park which is accessed off a busy route. It was stated there was a need to remove advertising signs to improve the visual appearance. The site was opened up to drivers by GT Parking.

Meanwhile it emerged last week that campaigners are fighting to abolish controversial Sunday parking charges in the town centre.

Some councillors believe scrapping the charges, which have boosted council coffers by £38,000 in 18 months ago, will boost flagging trade.

They caused controversy when scores of people attending Remembrance Sunday parades were given parking fines.

On-street parking fees are now in place with machines installed in 19 town centre streets with a 20p per 10 minute charge in place. Roads affected include Harthornton Street, Lichfield Street, Station Street and Ablewell Street with some businesses saying trade has slumped since.

Holiday time fun at museum



Francesca Cox at the Walsall Leather Museum

From a Royal Wedding craft session to an Easter fun day, a host of activities will take place at Walsall Leather Museum over the coming weeks.

To celebrate the nuptials of William and Kate, the museum will be holding a royal themed craft day on April 19 from 10.30am until 12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm.

The Easter fun day will happen on April 25 from 10.30am until 4pm. High-

lights will include a puppet show.

Assistant curator Francesca Cox said: "Easter is a really fun time at the museum and the programme of events taking place this year is really varied with some new themes specially to mark notable occasions taking place in 2011 such as the Royal Wedding."

For more information on any of the events call the museum on 01922 721153.

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Centre event is success

Around £500 was raised at the first table-top sale at a new community centre for mature residents in Walsall.

More than 150 visitors came to the Stan Ball Centre to support the sale at the site in Abbots Street, Bloxwich which was opened by Willenhall Carnival Queen Stacey Senior.

There were more than 30 stalls including several charities such as Polio Research.

Proceeds have been put towards the running costs of the centre, which opened in January, to provide activities for residents aged over 50.

O'Dee sings at the hall

Brownhills Memorial Hall will celebrate the Royal Wedding with an entertainment evening the day after the event.

Tony O'Dee, who sings big band era songs and chart hits, will perform at the Lichfield Road venue on April 30 starting at 8pm.

Council staff set for move to new depot

Hundreds of Walsall council staff will move into a new depot within the next few weeks.

Despite earlier delays due to bad weather, Walsall Council workers have been assured the base in Pelsall Road, Brownhills, will be finished for early May.

The transformation of the former Wagon Automotive site started last summer although heavy snow in the winter held up concrete laying.

However, developers have now managed to make up lost time.

They are on track to hand over the premises to the council at the end of this month.

Up to 400 staff will be located at the base which is replacing the Norfolk Place depot.

Around 40 waste management and ground maintenance workers from Merchants Way, Aldridge, which is also closing, will be moved to the Brownhills site.

The new council premises are part of a £7million land-swap agreement with developers Mar City which will see the

Norfolk Place block pulled down.

Stuart Cox, commercial manager, said: "The works are substantially completed and work has gone as well as we could have hoped."

"Now construction of the salt barn is scheduled to happen in the next three week period."

It recently emerged hot meal facilities will not be provided from Brownhills in a bid to help save council chiefs more than £100,000 over three years.

Administration

This is despite an engineer's canteen being available from the existing council depot in Leamore.

A total of 292 workers lost their jobs at Wagon Automotive when the company went into administration in December 2008.

The depot in its place will feature vehicle fuelling and washing facilities, MoT testing, workshops, storage and ancillary offices.

Plans for a 264-home development on the site of the current Leamore depot have been given the go-ahead from the council.

Drama and mime tell the story

A dance production which combines music, drama and mime aims to bring the stories of Jesus to life for Easter.

Walsall-based Rock Church outreach worker Cathy Richardson, aged 26, decided to put together the production called Life and Death after listening to a piece of music which told the story of Jesus's life.

She recruited a team of dancers from the outreach group Casting Light at Rock Church to stage the production, which will be performed during the Easter period.

The three male performers and six females come from a variety of dance and drama disciplines and have interpreted the stories.

Miss Richardson, of Mountbatten Road, said: "There is a real air of excitement about this production; it is powerful and it has impacted on all those involved. We are very excited to see how it is received by those who come to see it."

The first performance is on Saturday, April 23, at the Rock Church, Edison Road, Beechdale. The second performance is on Easter Sunday at All Saints' Church, Bloxwich. Doors open 4pm. Main Event 4.30-5.30pm. For more information call 01922 476598.



Jassica Castillo-Burley and Cathy Richardson who will be miming the Easter story.

Evictions warning on estate

Nightmare neighbours on an estate in Willenhall are being warned they face eviction due to their constant anti-social behaviour.

Police, council workers and housing association staff are focusing on problems in and around Tyler Road.

Sgt Susheel Kumar, who looks after Spring Bank and Little London, said: "We are working with partners to deal with persons causing anti-social behaviour, currently we are looking at eviction of problem persons on the estate with partners."

"A letter drop has been conducted with positive results."

Sgt Kumar said his officers were also working to reduce trouble in Regent Street and outside the E&S Stores newsagents.

"Officers will conduct high-visibility patrols and plain clothes patrols to identify off-enders," he said.

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Internet sales kill off Saddlers' town store

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Walsall Football Club's town centre shop is to close this month with bosses blaming the decision on a boom in internet sales.

The shop in the Victorian Arcade has traded for more than 15 years but will shut its on April 30 following the final home game of the season.

It is the latest town centre store to close including Topshop which revealed it was leaving its branch in Park Street earlier this year.

Around 80 shops and businesses are now standing empty prompting Walsall Council to carry out a review to draw in retailers.

The Walsall FC shop moved to a different unit in the shopping centre off Bradford Street in 2004 following its launch in 1995.

Club officials say the decision to close is because of fans preferring to buy merchandise and tickets over the internet.

Relaunch

However, the Banks's Stadium Club Shop will remain open and the three town centre staff are due to be re-deployed in Bescot Crescent.

The club say it has updated its online ticketing website and is planning to relaunch the merchandise site ahead of the new league season.

But the move has been criticised by Saddlers supporters who use the shop and will now have to travel several miles to buy items instead.

Fan John Oaker, a retired former deputy headteacher at Alumwell Junior School, said: "It is the convenience of just dropping in here to get a ticket rather than having to go over to the stadium."

"You get people coming in here from all over Walsall and they will now have to make an extra journey. Wherever you look now there are shops to let."

A club statement said: "The shop, in Bradford Street arcade, will close on April 30. It has become apparent that more and more people are choosing the internet as their preferred method to shop."

Award-winner signs books



Alan Cash signs a copy of The Xandra Function for Diane Phillips, from Pleck

Science fiction writer Alan Cash showcased his two novels at a signing in a Walsall book shop.

The 60-year-old writer was signing both his first novel The Janus Effect and his latest release The Xandra Function at The Waterstone's book shop on Park Road.

Mr Cash has been writing short stories for the past 30 years.

He said: "I always write science fiction. I have done very well with my short stories and appeared on both television and radio. I recently won the Walsall Writers, Marjorie

Green Competition Cup for a story." In the past few years Mr Cash has started writing novels, and has had two published.

Mr Cash, who is from Handsworth Wood, said The Xandra Function, which was published in September, is a thriller-based book about the computer games industry.

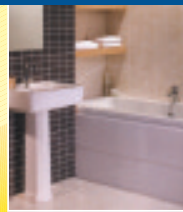
He said: "It's about a woman who invents a fantasy game, but her employers want to use it to train troops in a front-line situation. She doesn't want it to be used for this purpose."

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Plans for roadworks are dropped

Plans to replace a busy traffic island and narrow the carriageway along a main Walsall town centre route have been dropped, council chiefs have said.

Initial proposals for more than £100,000 of improvements on Wednesbury Road were being considered by highways bosses. The two schemes being looked at by the authority were for a narrow carriageway, improved road markings and signs near Oxford Road in Pleck.

Replacing the busy island adjoining Vicarage Place and Bradford Street and realigning kerbs were also being assessed as part of a combined £110,000 project.

But they have now been discounted following an overview of borough routes.

Mark Rickard, group leader for transportation and forward planning at Walsall Council, said: "As the highway authority the council has a statutory duty to undertake routine investigations into collisions which have occurred across the network and to identify safety improvements."

"Every year the local safety scheme programme, which uses funding from the Local Transport Plan, is reported to cabinet. To qualify for this programme the council has adopted a criteria of six or more personal injury collisions in the previous three years. This criteria is set to ensure the list of work is manageable and the sites with the worst collision history are prioritised. In the case of both these

locations the number of collisions in the previous three years has fallen below six and therefore they no longer meet the criteria needed to be included on the programme." Accident blackspots have been assessed by the council for improvements subject to Government funds. But the amount available has been hit by cuts.

Projects being considered include the installation of traffic lights at the roundabout where Collingwood Drive meets Queslett Road. The £500,000 package would aim to slow down motorists.

Others include junction improvements at Salters Road, Walsall Wood, rephasing signals in Bilston Lane, Willenhall, and anti-skid surface in Sneyd Lane.

Centre project to start

Work on a new £4.5 million health and library complex in Pelsall is due to start after the final funding instalment was released.

Demolition of the site is expected to begin within weeks to allow work on the High Street building.

A health centre, library and children's centre are part of the multi-million pound plans which will be completed by the middle of next year.

Sue Grainger, head of libraries, heritage and arts at Walsall Council said: "We're delighted to confirm the Development Agreement for the Pelsall health, library and children's centre has been agreed."

Gallery event

Walsall's New Art Gallery is to celebrate Vaisakhi on April 23. The free event at the Gallery Square venue takes place from 11am-4pm.

New venue for pensioners' partytime



Sandra Bath, Nellie Taylor, Jackie Bath, Anne Sleight and Val Wyke enjoying a welcome cuppa during the special meal



Elderly people gather for the Old People's Treat, at Pool Hayes Community School, Willenhall

The venue may have been new but the pensioners partied like they have done for the last six decades.

Around 180 elderly people enjoyed the Willenhall Old Folks' Treat in its new venue, the main hall at Pool Hayes Arts and Community School in Castle Drive.

They enjoyed a meal followed by a traditional sing song, raffle and prize giving.

The event, which has been running for 61 years, was threatened with closure last year after its usual home, Willenhall Leisure Centre was closed by Walsall Council.

Event chairman Tom Bradley said: "In some ways I think this venue is better because we do have more room to walk around the tables."

"Unfortunately the big difference is we can't fit as many people in. It has been a splendid event and I think everyone has enjoyed themselves."

Spending

Edith Hakesley, aged 98, who lives at Ingleswood Residential Home and is believed to be the oldest pensioner to come to the event said: "I have been coming for around four years. I just love it. I very much enjoy spending time with other people."

Doris Bridgwood, 85, of William Harper Road, said: "I have been coming for around 20 years. It is always really good fun. I used to come with my husband, but now I still come on my own."

But Flossie Thomas, 83, of Station Road said some people did find it more difficult to get to the school then the leisure centre.

She said: "We came by ambulance, but I know some people have found they have had to get two buses this year. But it always so much fun, that they are prepared to travel."

Walsall MP David Winnick attended.

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Burglars raid riding centre for third time

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Thieves broke into a horse riding centre in Brownhills, smashing windows, prising the roofs off sheds and stealing valuable leather saddles and bridles.

Stevie Ansell owner of the Stevie Ansell Horse Riding and Therapy Centre, Pelsall Road said she had been devastated by the burglary, which is the third this year and has left her with a bill of thousands of pounds.

The raiders broke in by smashing a window some time between 9pm on March 31 and 7am on April 1.

They got away with saddles, bridles and helmets belonging to both the centre and its users.

Ms Ansell, a 37-year-old mother-of-two, said: "We were broken into in January and February and now its happened again."

Devastating

"It is absolutely devastating. This centre does so much good for local children, I don't know how these people can live with themselves."

The stables, home to more than 30 horses, offers normal riding classes as well as therapy sessions for youngsters with disabilities, special needs or who are in care.

Ms Ansell said: "We work seven days a week to run this centre. It does a lot of good for the people who need it most and this is just heartbreaking."

"When I got the call this morning, I just couldn't believe it. As a result, we will not be keeping any valuable kit on site anymore."

"Saddles, bridles and helmets will all be taken off site. It is not an ideal situation but that is what we have been forced into."

Ms Ansell also urged local residents to keep an eye out for anything suspicious.

"I think it is the same people each time," she said. "If people could be vigilant, it would be most appreciated."

Anyone with information about the break-in can call West Midlands Police on 0345 113 5000.



Manager of the centre in Brownhills Sascher Leybourn with Puzzle the pony

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Home 'failed to protect residents'

A care home in Walsall, where a pensioner died after falling from a sling, is failing to protect its vulnerable residents, a damning report revealed.

The Care Quality Commission concluded Parklands Court, Bloxwich "simply wasn't good enough". Inspectors discovered there were not enough workers at the home to ensure residents were supervised and protected from abuse.

They also found that one pensioner who suffered a serious head injury in a fall was not provided with medical attention for 48 hours. Watchdogs visited the home in December following calls from worried relatives. They discovered there had been 42 incidents of people hurting each other due

to a lack of supervision over six months and a lack of training meant staff were not up-to-date with the necessary skills.

CQC regional director Andrea Gordon said: "The quality and safety of care we found at this home simply wasn't good enough. We were particularly concerned the home did not have enough staff to be sure of keeping people safe and meeting their needs."

Parklands Court, which can cater for up to 163 people in Park Road, is run by Bupa Care Homes. The organisation appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court recently, pleading guilty to failing in its duty to train staff after 91-year-old resident Irene Evans died following a fall from a sling in

January 2007. It now faces a fine of up to £20,000. The CQC concluded its review in January this year and found Parklands was failing to meet four out of 16 essential standards - safe and appropriate care, safeguarding people from abuse, staff numbers and staff training. Inspectors have now ordered bosses to make improvements.

Bupa Care Services regional director Tim Seal, said: "Before the inspection, we had put in place plans to remedy these issues and significant improvements have already been made. The home has a professional team and we will continue to support them in their efforts to deliver the highest possible standards of care."

Health trusts combine

Two health organisations have combined in Walsall to form a new trust.

Walsall Manor Hospital and Walsall Community Health have merged to create Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust.

It means all of Walsall Manor Hospital's services will be combined with adult and children's community health services - creating one healthcare.

Michael Scott, interim chief executive at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said, this is very exciting for healthcare in Walsall.

"We have always worked well together and this gets us on to the next level. Since my arrival at Walsall Manor Hospital, I have seen many good examples of new pathways and these will undoubtedly increase in the new organisation."

"The integration is part of the Department of Health's Transforming Community Services programme."

Lives put at risk by vandalised fencing

Vandals have potentially put lives at risk by damaging a fence next to a canal in Brownhills.

The fence protects people from falling down a 10ft embankment.

Resident Jackie Plant called waterways officials to ask for the gaps to be blocked as a matter of urgency because pedestrians including children and pensioners use a footpath just yards from the edge.

Pieces of wood from the damaged fence can be seen strewn down the side of the steep bank where the branch flows near Anchor Bridge, High Street.

British Waterways said it was looking into the matter.

Awards night for Saddlers

Tickets for the annual Walsall FC end of season awards at the Banks's Stadium are on sale.

There will be a casino theme and four-course meal, in the Stadium Suite on May 8. Tickets are £30 each or £250 for 10. To book call 01922 651414.



Jackie Plant, of Brownhills, looks at the vandalised fence panels on the path

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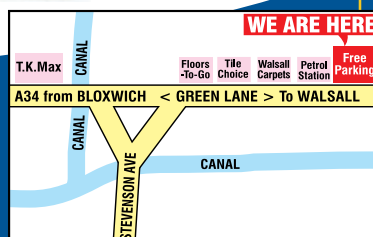
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Auction to raise cash for rugby club repairs

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Major repairs costing thousands of pounds are to be carried at Walsall Rugby Club after rain leaked in through the roof causing damage to the ceiling and floor of the corridor inside the building.

To offset some of the cost members have organised a promise auction towards a fundraising drive to help fix the damage to the clubhouse.

Time at a holiday home in Florida, a drive in an Aston Martin and restaurant meals are among the items to go under the hammer to raise money for the club in Delves Road. The event will follow the first team's home game against Nuneaton on April 23.

Leaking

Sara Taylor, of the club, said: "The roof is leaking in the corridor as you enter the clubhouse and through the back of the bar."

"As a result the floor is also in need of repair. We're not sure exactly how much it's going to cost us yet and are in the process of getting quotes."

"Members and some local businesses have donated goods or promises of services for us to auction off to raise money for the club."

"One member has generously donated the use of their house in Florida for a fortnight and Lyndon House Hotel has donated tickets to a tribute act with overnight stay in the hotel."

"We also have photographs, meals, hair vouchers from Melair, a drive in an Aston Martin and the list goes on."

The auction will kick off at 6pm at the ground off Broadway.

Last year seating in the spectator stands were damaged by fire when arsonists struck at the site destroying half the seats. It was repaired by the club's members to keep costs to a minimum.

Specialist gym reopens to public



Instructor Mark Rollinson on a riding machine at Walsall Gala Baths

A specialist gym for children has reopened at Walsall Gala Baths following building work on the site.

The fitness area for eight to 16-year-olds has top-of-the-range equipment including TV and music channels.

Hundreds of children use the gyms at the Gala Baths, Oak Park and Bloxwich leisure centres.

The town centre facilities were temporarily closed during work on the new dance studio but are available again.

Brian Pugh, Gala Baths manager, said: "Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is vital for all children and the Fitzone gyms are a great way of achieving that."

"Because of the work taking place on the new dance studio and the fact that access was needed through the Fitzone gym we had to close it temporarily."

"I'm pleased to say we're ready to get up and running again and looking forward to welcoming both existing and new people," he added.

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Retiring head Janet Davies with pupils Ishe Allen, Sahar Jamil, both aged five, Tom Pearce, Erin Taylor, six, and Liliya Basra, three

Headteacher Janet is standing down

A headteacher is to retire after almost 40 years teaching thousands of pupils across Walsall. Janet Davies has been in charge at Blue Coat CofE Infants in Hanch Place for 11 years.

Before that she taught at Pool Hayes Primary, Willenhall; Whitehall Primary, Caldmore and was previously head at Cooper and Jordan CofE Primary, Aldridge.

At the end of term she will bid a fond farewell to the pupils and her colleagues at the school which has been rated among the top 12 nationally by Ofsted for its outstanding work in reading.

Around 150 past and present colleagues attended a leaving party held in her honour at the school last week.

Mrs Davies, aged 58, who lives in Wolverhampton, said: "There have been many highs in my career, many success stories in the schools where I have taught across the borough.

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Health centres bid given backing

Two new medical centres in Walsall moved a step closer to reality after planning chiefs gave the schemes their backing.

Plans were approved to create a temporary library in Pelsall to make way for a £4.5 million complex with a health centre that has four surgeries, a children's centre, and a library. It will be created at the Pelsall Library site, High Street.

Councillors agreed to turn a former social services office in Norton Road into a temporary library. The move would last for up to two years while the work is carried out.

Amended plans for a medical centre in Willenhall were also given the green light,

despite objections from a neighbouring resident who said the scheme risked blocking light from his home.

The scheme will see a medical centre demolished along with two dwellings in Cannock Road, New Invention.

Plans for eight homes on a former petrol station site have also been approved, despite initial recommendations it should be rejected. It had previously been feared the application to build homes at Bournevale Motors, Lichfield Road, Shelfield, would encroach on Green Belt land.

But it was revealed Natural England had removed any objections to the scheme, which borders a site of Special and Significant Scientific Interest. Councillor Garry

Perry, chairman of the planning committee, said: "The most important aspect for me is that it does not encroach on that site and as far as I'm concerned, I agree with it. It is actually sympathetic and in keeping with the green belt and an improvement to what was there before."

Meanwhile, plans for a £500,000 drama studio and digital arts room at Barr Beacon Language College were given the nod. The school, in Old Hall Lane, Aldridge, is planning the expansion on top of three ground floor classrooms.

Controversial plans for a housing development in Park Hall which have been rejected by the Government on appeal four times were withdrawn.

Friends meeting

The Friends of Bloxwich Parks and Gardens will hold its annual general meeting on April 28.

The meeting will be at Elmore Green Community Centre in Bloxwich at 6.30pm.

Residents can attend the meeting and contribute to discussions with new members always welcome.

Drug addict team boost

A team supporting drug addicts in Walsall is exceeding national targets.

Walsall's drug treatment service is assisting 80 per cent of referrals on to help. The team part of Safer Walsall Partnership

Quiz night

A quiz night will be hosted by Russ Johnson at Walsall Football Club, Bescot Crescent on June 21. It costs £6 for teams of four to take part. For more details call 01922 651412.

Getting involved in campaign is child's play

Schoolchildren have been helping to campaign for new play equipment in Walsall.

Pelsall councillors Garry Perry, Marco Longhi and Oliver Bennett have been campaigning to improve a play area at Pelsall Common, off Church Road.

So far, £30,000 – half the money needed – has been raised through various grants.

Youngsters at St Michael's Primary School, Maple Road, Pelsall, have helped by creating a petition in favour of the plans which will be submitted with future funding bids.

It contains more than 30 names in the shape of a rainbow.

The campaign comes in response to a consultation with local families and young people, and has also been supported by The Friends of Pelsall Common.

Walsall's Deputy Mayor Councillor Perry said: "We've had a new play area designed.

There are more environmental features and there will be tunnels. It's very innovative.

"We wanted to complement the green space which is already there. We're halfway there now with the funding."



Councillors Garry Perry, Marco Longhi and Oliver Bennett are helped by St Michael's Primary pupils, from left, Laura Squire, Milly-Jo Chapman, Lily Langston, Charlie Hicken, Calli Harris, Luke Collins and Daniel Burrows

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Centre to be levelled soon

Willenhall Leisure Centre will be demolished in the next few weeks unless a viable solution is found for its future.

Council bosses said it would be weeks rather than months before the bulldozers moved in – but added they were still open to

hearing any last-ditch ideas to save the doomed building.

The Bath Street centre closed last August in a bid to save money for the cash-strapped council. Leader Mike Bird said: "We are looking at the next two to three weeks."

However, the borough's regeneration councillor Adrian Andrew said there was still a small window of opportunity for any other plans. "We are talking weeks rather than months so any other ideas have to be made as a matter of urgency," Councillor Andrew said.

"But we would still investigate any other opportunities just in case."

News the building will be demolished dashed any hopes it could be taken over and reopened as a swimming pool. Willenhall North councillor Ian Shires is against the plans.

He said: "I didn't realise it would be so quick. I still think it is the wrong course of action."

Have a say over Asbos

Councillors, police, firefighters and health staff are to consider national plans to abolish the use of Asbos.

The public is also being urged to have its say as part of the consultation 'More Effective Responses to Anti-Social Behaviour'. The deadline for suggestions is May 3. Visit www.homeoffice.gov.uk/asb-consultation

Bollards to stop bike jobs labelled 'useless'



Councillor Paul Bott with bollards to tackle mini motorbikes at Sproat Avenue

They were meant to stop mini-motorbikes plaguing an alleyway next to homes in Walsall but bollards have been labelled "useless" by residents who had fought for more than 12 months to get gates installed.

People living near the problem alleyway in Sproat Avenue, Darlaston, say the gap in the bollards is so wide mini-motorbikes and go-karts can still sail through effortlessly. After complaints Walsall Council was asked to rip them out and start again.

One resident, who did not wish to be named due to fear of reprisals, said: "We had a barrier there before and it

was stolen by metal thieves. We've been asking for ages to have the barrier put back and then these appeared."

"The other day, I saw them drive a go-kart between the bollards – they're useless. It's not good enough really."

Councillor Paul Bott, independent representative for Darlaston South, said: "You can get a motorbike and a sidecar through there. Residents have even seen quad bikes getting through."

"There has been months of consultation and then this is what is put there." Walsall Council did not reply to requests for a response.

Thunderbolt ready to hit

The Grange Players will be staging the Ealing Comedy The Titfield Thunderbolt at the Grange Playhouse, Broadway North, Walsall between May 19 and 28.

The play has been written by Philip Goulding and directed by Martin Groves, and is a parody of the 1953

Ealing film about a group of villagers battling to keep a branchline open.

The shows will start at 7.45pm. There will also be a matinee on May 21 at 2pm.

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1,650 voters' private information in a skip

Personal information belonging to up to 1,650 Walsall voters – including names, addresses, dates of birth and signatures – has been lost.

It has either been buried in landfill or scattered around Cannock after storage bags containing residents' postal vote statements ended up in skips.

The blunder happened after the firm contracted to look after the data for Walsall Council moved premises.

Staff at Clockwork Removals and Storage, Hawks Green mistakenly dumped the bags, some of which were then rifled through and their contents scattered around the area and a nearby brook.

The rest was buried under tons of rubbish at a local landfill site. The council has now sent residents letters apologising for the data loss, which happened on March 12 and 13.

Walsall council workers were dis-

patched to search the area and find any of the scattered documents. They also visited the tip to see if any of the storage bags were retrievable – they were not.

Council spokesman Richard Bolton said: "The information relates only to people who returned postal votes in the 2008 local elections from two wards, Aldridge Central and South, and Aldridge North and Walsall Wood, and not people who voted by post in other wards or who voted at the polling stations."

Immediately

Clockwork Removals and Storage spokesman Robert Horrobin said: "Our staff checked one of the sacks in question and it contained blank paper and refuse. In good faith, the items were disposed of as normal waste, which vandals then accessed," he said.

"All documents were immediately

returned to Walsall Council, except a proportion which had gone to landfill."

An investigation is now under way to discover how the information ended up lying around the streets of Cannock.

Despite the blunder, Walsall Council is maintaining it delivers a "secure and robust" election process.

An apology letter to up to 1,650 voters said: "Systems are currently in place to ensure that this high level of service continues." The postal vote statements included people's names, ages, addresses and signatures as of April 2008.

Mr Bolton said: "We have since taken steps to ensure this type of loss will not happen again."

"We have also informed the Information Commissioner's Office and the Electoral Commission. Any resident affected by the actions of the company has been written to directly and offered help and advice."

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Reporter Jon Pritchard inside the fV432 Armoured Personnel Carrier

MOST young boys aspire to drive a tank as they are growing up – and a Rugeley company is now offering the chance to realise that dream.

Chris Smith and Paul Ayre have set up Tank Driving UK. They own two ex-British Army tanks, a fV432 and a Stalwart, which can be driven around a one-and-a-half mile off road track.

The company hopes to appeal to children's parties, stag and hen parties, corporate days or simply the individual looking for a thrill.

Chris, aged 26, said: "A friend of ours was looking at doing a day out driving a tank. Suddenly we realised there is nowhere local that offers that, and we could do it ourselves."

The experience itself is major fun. Since the age of 10, after playing with a friends Action Man tank, this has been something on my wish list of things to do.

The vehicles are immense. Both tanks were built in 1966, so for machines that are 45 years old, they

Many young boys grow up with a driving ambition to take the wheel of a tank. JON PRITCHARD is no exception – and he had his dreams fulfilled thanks to a Rugeley company's new venture

look stunning. The fV432 has an eight-litre Rolls Royce engine carrying 15 tonnes of steel, so you would expect the experience to be a loud one, but it's actually not bad.

Just being driven in the tank is an experience in itself. The roof is open so you can stick your head out and see where you are going, and the tank doesn't struggle with anything – rolling hills and mud tracks alike are eaten up in its path.

The experience is open to children from five to be driven around, while Chris and Paul will accept drivers from as young as 12 to offer them the experience of a lifetime.

Sitting in the cockpit of the tank is nerve-racking. With a wide variety of switches, levers and pedals just

staring out, the prospect of being in control of such a powerful monster can be worrying.

But the nerves soon dissolve and just five minutes in, it makes for an enjoyable and easy ride.

Being in control on 15 tonnes of steel no longer seems to be a problem, and the fantastic view of rolling hills gives the perfect setting for some army-based fun.

Getting the hang of turning was difficult, but once that was mastered, I had the world at my feet. The trick is to work opposite the way a car works, when turning, press down on the accelerator even more.

Tank Driving UK are looking to expand the range of armoured vehicles they can offer, with their eyes on a main battle tank and an area of water to accommodate the amphibious Stalwart.

Suddenly, driving a tank is no longer a once in a lifetime opportunity.

But, less on over it's time to get back into my boring 1.2 litre Fiat Punto and head home.

For more information, visit www.tankdrivinguk.com



Reporter Jon Pritchard is given instructions by Chris Smith



Business partners Chris Smith, left and Paul Ayre with their GKN fV432 Armoured Personnel Carrier



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Castle's new attraction was inspired by the popular TV show Merlin, about the wizard's boyhood days

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Walking on wild side with lemurs



The safari park near Kidderminster is now home to lemurs

WEST Midland Safari Park has opened the largest Lemur walk-through reserve in the country.

The new exhibit Walking with Lemurs consists of a natural woodland walk now home to Ring Tailed Lemur, White-Fronted Brown Lemur and Red Bellied Lemur, all natives of Madagascar. Lemurs have free range of the woodland, which is located in an area of the grounds landscaped by Capability Brown in the 1800s. This is the first time that visitors to the park will be able to see and interact with this species, introduced for 2011.

There is a programme of daily talks and Lemur-themed activities. The new Lemur exhibit took seven months to complete and is part of a £1m investment in new attractions being launched this year.

Bob Lawrence, Director of

Wildlife, said: "Lemur are fascinating animals that often display unusual behaviour that is both captivating and rather cheeky."

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Lofty designs to help expand your house

A RECENT report suggests there will be a shortfall of 750,000 homes by 2025.

One of the worst supply and demand mis-matches will be in the West Midlands which faces a housing gap of 28,000 homes.

A possible way of overcoming this could be to convert loft space. Design consultant Rena Trepka gives some expert advice on transforming the area.

"Converting your attic space is often very cost effective, particularly in areas where property prices and space are at a premium," she said.

Important

"It's certainly less expensive and a lot less hassle than moving home.

"First things first is to dot the Is and cross the Ts to ensure all the important administrative details are sorted out."

This is her three point plan:

1 Even with relaxed planning law check whether or not you will need permission.

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Econoloft's top five conversions last year were a master bedroom with ensuite, a bedroom, a home office, a teen space/den and home cinema

ing, five years on the general build, 10 years on the fibreglass roof and ten years on the roof windows.

Rena, who works for loft conversion specialists Econoloft, said: "Give yourself plenty of time to design the project as rushed decisions are often costly and regretted."

"A specialist should have a proven track record and can advise on all the options and tell you how to get the most of our space available and your budget."

"Last year Econoloft completed around 200 loft conversions across the country and the most popular was to create an extra bedroom with ensuite facilities."

"But you should also remember that the loft conversion could also result in the rest of your home being re-organised."

"So for example, if you move to your new master suite, one of your children may move into your old bedroom which many need

redecorating. Or, your designer could advise pinching the smallest bedroom and turning that into a bathroom and perhaps allowing your teenager to have a smaller and less expensive conversion."

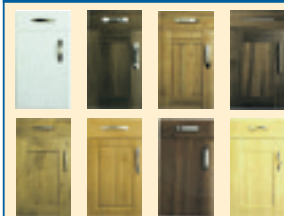
"A loft conversion should not look or feel like an add-on. The staircase is the key to making a conversion look as though it is part of the original house."

"Wherever possible the stairway should be a natural continuation of the house so that the transition from 'old' to 'new' is seamless."

"The conversion itself, in terms of style should also follow rest of the house."

The homes shortfall prediction comes from the Institute for Public Policy Research. Text and photographs supplied by Econoloft which can be contacted at www.econoloft.co.uk or by freephone on 0800 269 765.

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ORGANISERS of one of the country's top aviation events, which attracts thousands of visitors every year, are set to welcome many champions of the air to the 2011 extravaganza.

Cosford Air Show will take place on Sunday, June 12 this year at RAF Cosford on the Shropshire/Staffordshire border and the line-up for one of the longest RAF flying displays in the UK is now coming together.

Organisers have teamed up with the Chronicle series to offer 15 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets.

At the show every display is built round the regular appearance of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight of Lancaster

bomber, Spitfire and Hurricane and the Red Arrows aerobatics team - both of which are already booked for this year.

The rest of the programme ranges from pre-war machines to the latest combat aircraft like the Typhoon.

The only Vulcan aircraft left flying in the world will be setting hearts racing at this year's Cosford Air Show. The iconic aircraft, which is one of the most popular examples of British aerospace engineering, is lined up for the show. In 2010 more than a million people watched the last airworthy Avro Vulcan fly.

Norman Branagh, Air Show Co-ordinator, said: "Each year we try to bring in different aircraft to entertain the crowds,

along with the favourites that people turn out to see year on year.

"For 2011 we have a few surprises up our sleeves for the aviation enthusiasts and will again be working to provide jaw-dropping performances from a variety of aerobatic display teams."

"Every year the proceeds of the event, which never fails to provide a great day of entertainment for all involved, go to RAF and local charities."

Bands

Cosford Air Show is renowned for the exposure it provides for historic aircraft and the amazing feats provided annually by the modern flyers.

And as well as the excitement in the air the thousands of visitors will also be able to enjoy non-stop entertainment on the ground with a funfair, craft fair, market and aircraft exhibitions, RAF training displays and military bands - as well as entry to the RAF museum.

The Large Model Association will be back to entertain the crowds with an aircraft display of their own to kick-start the activities.

Full information on the show

can be seen on the air show web site - www.cosfordairshow.co.uk - or is available on the show information line at 0844 561 1897.

Advance tickets are now available at £19 from the Cosford Air Show ticket line on 0871 230 1083 or at www.seetickets.com and children under 16 get free entry as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Tickets are £25 on the gate.

Postal bookings should be received on or before June 5, 2011, and all major credit cards are accepted on the 24-hour Cosford Air Show Ticket Line on 0871 230 1083.

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The Cadbury tour blends history and information with fun and, at several points during the tour, guides give you treats to eat. During my visit I managed to chomp away on a Curlywurl, a Crunchie, a Dairy Milk and enjoy a delicious drink of warm liquid chocolate, and still had room left for a bag of Chocolate Buttons.

After collecting your ticket at the reception you join a tour that leaves at an allotted time, to ensure the exhibition does not become too crowded.

First you enter the Aztec Jungle to hear about the origins of the cocoa bean, follow holographic images of Spanish explorers who brought the bean to Europe aboard ships (raiding pirates mistook the beans for sheep droppings!) and learn how chocolate became the popular drink for high society.

This is where John Cadbury comes in, selling drinking chocolate alongside other favourite new beverages coffee and tea

from a shop in Birmingham's Bull Street in the 1820s. Soon he was sending his chocolate products from Bull Street, which is recreated in the exhibition, to London and beyond.

The Cadbury family, being non-conformist 'Quaker' Christians, wanted to encourage drinking of the beverage as an alternative to alcohol. Their religious beliefs also meant in the 19th Century they were barred from most professions, so threw all their ingenuity and endeavour into the chocolate business. John's descendants discovered the magical combination of milk and chocolate, originating the Dairy Milk bar which is still one of the company's most popular products.

The Cadburys also cared for their workers, establishing Bournville Village on the rural fringe of Birmingham. More about this can be discovered in The Bournville Experience museum, included in the ticket price.

Continue the tour to discover how chocolate is made and then into the packaging plant to watch robots wrapping the bars as they are delivered on conveyors. At this point, as you enter the factory proper, chocaholics may want to take in a big deep breath – you can taste chocolate on the air.

Then it's time to clamber into a Beanmobile for the fun-for-kids ride Cadabra, through a magical land of tiny cocoa bean people and have your photo taken.



Pouring liquid chocolate in the demonstration area at Cadbury World

In the demonstration area assistants give you a taste of liquid chocolate and you have the chance to write your name in chocolate.

The advertising department offers a nostalgic opportunity to view old TV commercials and also to operate the famous Cadbury drumming gorilla. Kids will love the Purple Planet where hi-tech displays allow them to play in 'chocolate rain' or see themselves as if made of chocolate.

That's the end of the tour proper but a short walk away is Essence where you can add your own favourite ingredients – from a choice including crispy rice, marshmallows, popcorn and more – to make your own choco-concoction.

No visit would be complete without shopping in the World's Biggest Cadbury Shop where special offers mean you can pick up favourite chocolate produce, often significantly cheaper than elsewhere. The shop is also open to non-visitors to Cadbury World.

Cadbury World gets busy and numbers are limited at peak times so it's best to book. Call 0844 880 7667 or visit the website www.cadburyworld.co.uk. Special events are planned for Easter, which is prime Cadbury Creme Egg season.

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When Josh Dubovie came last at the 2010 Eurovision Song Contest with That Sounds Good to Me, it probably put some British acts off ever entering this year's competition. Luckily boy band Blue weren't about to shy away from the challenge of restoring the nation's pride. This one-off special sees how members Lee Ryan, Antony Costa, Duncan James and Simon Webbe are preparing for their appearance in Dusseldorf as they meet choreographers, designers and stylists, before embarking on a publicity tour around Europe. Graham Norton narrates.

BBC1

6.00 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix - Qualifying. Live coverage from the Shanghai International Circuit. 8.30 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix - Qualifying. 2.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Ali Carter v Dave Harold and Mark Williams v Ryan Day. 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 5.40 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. Celebrity spoofs, with Jon Culshaw and Debra Stephenson. (R)

6.10 Eurovision: Your Country Needs Blue. The band's preparations to represent the UK in Dusseldorf on May 14. 7.10 So You Think You Can Dance. The first live edition.

8.10 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Last in the series.

9.00 Casualty. The competition between Jordan and Miriam intensifies.

9.50 Live at the Apollo. With Lee Mack, Rich Hall and Danny Bhoj. (R)

10.20 BBC News; Weather. 10.30 Match of the Day: National Lottery Update.

11.35 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games; Weatherview.

1.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Film: The Taming of the Shrew. (1967) Shakespeare comedy, starring the late Elizabeth Taylor. 1.55 Film: William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. (2004) Shakespearean drama, starring Al Pacino. 4.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Continued coverage of the opening day from Sheffield. 5.30 Flog It! (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Jones loses a large sum of money. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Neil Robertson v Judd Trump and Shaun Murphy v Marcus Campbell.

7.50 Elizabeth Taylor - A Tribute. Profile of the actress, who died last month.

8.50 Timewatch - In Shackleton's Footsteps. (R)

9.50 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. With Ross Noble and Sarah Millican. (R)

10.20 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Stephen Mangan.

11.05 Nurse Jackie. The nurse fakes the result of an MRI.

11.35 Later with Jools Holland. With Cee Lo Green, Glasvegas and Bootsy Collins. (R)

12.35 Snooker: The World Championship. 1.25 Snooker Extra. 3.25 Close.

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6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 Coronation Street. 11.45 This Morning: Saturday. 12.45 Monk. 1.40 ITV News; Weather. 1.50 You've Been Framed! (R) 2.20 Film: Arthur. (1981) Comedy, starring Dudley Moore. 4.10 Regional Programmes. 4.25 ITV News; Weather. 4.40 Live FA Cup Football. Manchester City v Manchester United (Kick-off 5.15pm).

7.20 Sing if You Can. New series. Celebrity singing challenge, hosted by Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon.

8.20 Britain's Got Talent. New series. Ant and Dec kick off another search to find the nation's most impressive performers, with Amanda Holden joined by new judges Michael McIntyre and David Hasselhoff.

9.50 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Russell Brand. New series. The actor and comedian discusses his marriage to singer Katy Perry, and is questioned about his infamous phone calls to Fawcett Towers star Andrew Sachs.

10.50 ITV News; Weather. 11.05 FILM: Dreamcatcher. (2003) Premiere. Sci-fi horror, starring Morgan Freeman.

1.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.35 Swinging. Laurie and Doug Stephens are discovered in a compromising position. (R) 4.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Formula Ford Championship. 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 T4: Koko Pop. 9.50 T4: Friends. (R) 10.25 T4: Glee. 11.20 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.25 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.50 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.20 That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 The Secret Supper Club. 4.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.55 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. The conclusion of the dinner party challenge in Oxfordshire. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News. 6.55 4thought.tv. The Queen's role as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

7.00 River Cottage Every Day. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall prepares a variety of treats. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 FILM: The Day After Tomorrow. (2004) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid.

10.20 Stand Up for the Week. 11.10 FILM: The War of the Roses. (1989) Black comedy, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.

1.20 Sex, Secrets and Frankie Howard. (R) 2.15 The Confession. (R) 2.20 Privileged. (R) 3.45 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.10 Countdown. (R) 5.55 Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Zoo Days. (R) 10.05 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.05 NCIS. (R) 12.05 Law & Order. (R) 1.05 Film: Murder Ahoy. (1964) Mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. 2.55 Film: Guarding Tess. (1994) Comedy drama, starring Nicolas Cage and Shirley MacLaine. 4.45 Film: Private Benjamin. (1980) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn.

6.50 5 News Weekend. 6.55 NCIS. Tony and Jeanne are held hostage. (R)

7.50 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. A couple are murdered in the street. Crime drama, starring William Petersen. (R)

8.50 CSI: Miami. Part one of two. The discovery of a woman's body at the bottom of a lake leads Horatio to Julia, the mother of his son. Calleigh finds herself targeted in a hate campaign. (R)

9.50 CSI: NY. A serial rapist is murdered. Crime drama, starring Gary Sinise.

10.50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A casino owner's death leads to an unusual discovery. (R)

11.50 Cops in Crisis. Harrowing tales of survival told by police officers. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.35 HouseBusters. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.10 American Idol 4.10 Britain's Got More Talent 7.20 Fiddles, Cheats & Scams 8.20 Help! I Caught It Abroad 9.20 Life's Funniest Moments 9.50 Britain's Got More Talent 10.50 Celebrity Juice 11.35 Film: American Pie (1999)

ITV3
5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders. A craft centre's financial ruin has dire consequences. 11.05 Wycliffe

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Chennai Super Kings v Royal Challengers Bangalore and Deccan Chargers v Kings XI Punjab. 8.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 9.00 Ultimate Force 10.35 Film: The Exorcist (1973)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 9.50 Film: Serendipity (2001) 11.15 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Yellowstone 8.00 If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home 9.00 Spiral 10.55 Twenty Twelve 11.25 Fanny Hill

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 5.00 Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.55 How I Met Your Mother 8.55 Friends 10.00 Film: My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) 11.50 The Cleveland Show

FILM4
3.00 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953) Musical comedy, starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. 4.50 A Room with a View (1986) 7.05 The Truman Show (1998) 9.00 Trading Places (1983) 11.15 The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.00** Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix Live. The third race of the season from Shanghai (Start-time 8.00am). **10.15** London Marathon 2011. Further live coverage of the 31st staging of the annual event. **2.00** The Politics Show. **3.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.05** Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix. **5.05** Points of View. **5.20** Songs of Praise. **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Land Girls. Drama, starring Beci Gemmell and Jo Woodcock. (R)

7.00 Countryfile. Julia Bradbury meets the groundsmen who maintain the Old Course at St Andrews, and Matt Baker learns why the local landscape made the Scottish town an ideal location for golf.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. More items are valued at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire.

9.00 Britain's Royal Weddings. Part one of two. Presented by Sophie Raworth.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Does Christianity Have a Future? Ann Widdecombe explores Christianity's role in modern Britain.

11.25 FILM: Absolute Power. (1997) Crime thriller, starring Clint Eastwood; Weatherview.

1.25 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** Men of Rock. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **6.55** CBBC. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **8.30** London Marathon 2011. Live coverage of the 31st staging of the annual event. **10.15** Something for the Weekend. **11.15** MasterChef. (R) **12.15** Film: Alvarez Kelly. (1966) American Civil War Western, starring William Holden. **2.05** EastEnders. **4.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Stephen Hendry v Joe Perry and Shaun Murphy v Marcus Campbell.

6.00 London Marathon 2011 Highlights. Action from today's 31st staging of the annual event.

7.00 Alex Higgins: The People's Champion. The life of the two-time world snooker champion. (R)

8.00 The Secrets of Scott's Hut. Ben Fogle travels to Antarctica, where he joins a project hoping to preserve the hut from which explorer Captain Robert Scott launched his ill-fated polar expedition in 1911.

9.30 Alaska: The Arctic Man Ski & Sno-Go Classic. Ed Leigh and Graham Bell compete in the Arctic Man event. (R)

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Arsenal v Liverpool.

10.50 FILM: Apocalypto. (2006) Mayan historical adventure, starring Rudy Youngblood and Dalia Hernandez.

1.00 Snooker: The World Championship. **1.50** Snooker Extra. **3.50** BBC News.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Sing if You Can. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Film: Columbo: The Bye-Bye Sky-High IQ Murder Case. (1977) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.00** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.30** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.30 Regional Programmes. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** The Cube. A fitness instructor takes up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of a large transparent cube to win a jackpot of £250,000.

8.00 Lewis. While investigating the death of a student during a clinical trial, Lewis uncovers a web of lies, jealousy and madness among those taking part.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 FA Cup Highlights. The semi-finals at Wembley Stadium, featuring Manchester City v Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers v Stoke City, as the line-up for the showpiece match was confirmed.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures.

12.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Film: A Mighty Wind. (2003) Spoof documentary, starring Eugene Levy. **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.20 Sali Mali. (R) **6.25** The Hoobs. (R) **6.50** The Track and Field Show. (R) **7.20** Freesports on 4. **7.45** T4: Friends. (R) **8.15** T4: Friends. (R) **8.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **2.25** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **3.00** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **3.35** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.05** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Team Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv. A Scottish Catholic discusses the Queen's role in the Church of England.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. A mother-of-two competes against a hairdresser, a businessman and a weight-loss consultant as the dinner party challenge heads to Bedford.

8.00 The Hotel. New series. Documentary following life at a three-star hotel in the Lake District.

9.00 Country House Rescue. Ruth Watson helps a feuding family in Hampshire.

10.00 FILM: East Is East. (1999) Comedy drama, starring Om Puri.

11.55 FILM: 3 Idiots. (2009) Premiere. Comedy, starring Madhavan.

2.50 Never Did Me Any Harm. (R) **3.45** The Play's the Thing. (R) **4.45** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.05** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Hana's Helpline. (R) **8.35** Family! (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** K-9. **10.35** OK! TV Sunday. **11.35** Family Food Fight. (R) **12.05** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.05** Emergency Bikers. (R) **2.00** Film: Death of a Gunfighter. (1969) Western, starring Richard Widmark. **3.55** Film: Short Circuit. (1986) **5.55** 5 News Weekend.

6.00 FILM: Big Daddy. (1999) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler.

7.40 FILM: Spider-Man. (2002) Comic-book adventure, starring Tobey Maguire.

10.00 The Walking Dead. (1992) Female. (1992)

11.05 FILM: Single White Female. (1992) Female. (1992)

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1.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.00 The Planet's Funniest Animals **4.30** Britain's Got More Talent **5.30** The Cube: Celebrity Special **6.30** The Only Way Is Essex **8.00** Kerry Katona - The Next Chapter **9.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Russell Brand **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Batman Forever (1995)

ITV3
3.55 The Turn of the Screw **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.55** Mr Bean **9.00** Film: Fierce Creatures (1997) **10.55** Film: The Constant Gardener (2005)

ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. Round two from Donington Park. **6.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Conan the Destroyer (1984) **11.05** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Police Academy UK **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** White Van Man

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Great Estate: The Rise & Fall of the Council House **8.00** Amazing Grace: The Grace Fields Story **9.00** Gracie! **10.20** Spitfire Women **11.20** Robert Plant: By Myself

E4
3.50 Film: Bride and Prejudice (2004) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **8.00** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** The 100 Greatest Stand Ups 2010

FILM4
3.10 Carry On Sergeant (1958) **4.50** Batman (1966) **6.50** Grease (1978) **9.00** Brassed Off (1996) **11.05** M*A*S*H (1970)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast, 9.15 Animal 24/7, 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer, (R) BBC News, Weather, 11.00 Filthy Rotten Soundrels, (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic, BBC News, Weather, 12.15 Bargain Hunt, (R) 1.00 BBC News, Weather, 1.30 Regional News, Weather, 1.45 Doctors, 2.15 Escape to the Country, 3.00 BBC News, Weather, Regional News, 3.05 CBBC, 5.15 Weekend Link, 6.00 BBC News, Weather, 6.30 Regional News, Weather, 6.55 Party Election Broadcast, (R) 7.00 The One Show, 7.30 Bang Goes the Theory, BBC News, Regional News, 8.00 EastEnders, 8.30 The Trillion Dollar Con-Man: Panorama, 9.00 Motorway Cops, 10.00 BBC News, 10.25 Regional News, Weather, 10.35 A Question of Sport, 11.05 Late Kick Off, 11.35 The Graham Norton Show, (R) Weatherview, 12.25 Sign Zone, MasterChef, (R) 1.25 Watchdog, 2.25 Arctic with Bruce Parry, (R) 3.25 Baking Made Easy, (R) 3.55 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 The Pink Panther Show, (R) 12.00 Animal Park, 12.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship, Stephen Hendry v Joe Perry and Ronnie O'Sullivan v Dominic Dale, 5.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 5.55 Party Election Broadcast, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship, Peter Ebdon v Stuart Bingham and Stephen Maguire v Barry Hanchis, 8.00 Railway Walks, (R) 8.30 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets, 9.00 Fix My Family, 10.05 Mind the Buzzcocks, (R) 10.30 Newsnight, Weather, 11.20 An Island Parish, (R) 11.50 Snooker: The World Championship, 12.40 Snooker Extra, 2.40 BBC News, 3.15 The Super League Show, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show, 10.30 This Morning, 12.30 Loose Women, 1.30 ITV News, Weather, 1.55 Regional News, Weather, 2.00 60 Minute Makeover, 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show, 3.59 Regional Weather, 4.00 Midsomer Murders, (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish, 6.00 Regional News, Weather, 6.25 Party Election Broadcast, 6.30 ITV News, Weather, 7.00 Emmerdale, 7.30 Coronation Street, 8.00 The Gales, 8.30 Coronation Street, 9.00 The Reckoning, 10.00 ITV News at Ten, Weather, 10.30 Regional News, Weather, 10.35 Real Crime with Mark Atkinson: Murder of a Father, (R) 11.35 River Monsters, (R) 12.30 The Zone, ITV News Headlines, 2.35 UEFA Champions League Weekly, 3.00 ITV Nightscreen, 4.35 Jeremy Kyle: Morning Surgery, (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.20 The Hoobs, (R) 6.45 Squeezed, 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.10 Frasier, (R) 8.40 Friends, (R) 9.10 Wife Swap USA, (R) 10.05 Brothers & Sisters, 11.00 Relocation, (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary, 12.05 Make Do & Mend, 12.30 Come Dine with Me, (R) 1.05 Come Dine with Me, (R) 2.05 Come Dine with Me, (R) 2.35 Come Dine with Me, (R) 3.10 Countdown, 4.00 Deal or No Deal, 5.00 Fern, 6.00 The Simpsons, (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks, 7.00 Channel 4 News, 7.55 4thout-tv, 8.00 Help My House Is Infested, 9.00 Meet the Middletons, 10.00 Film: Hostage, (2005) Thriller, starring Bruce Willis, 12.10 Music on 4: Green Day: Awesome Live, 12.45 European Poker Tour, 1.40 The SS, (R) 2.35 Empire, (R) 3.30 Warlords, (R) 4.25 Codex, (R) 5.10 Wogan's Perfect Recall, (R) 5.35 Ugly Betty.

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff, 11.05 Bridzellaz, (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe, (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime, 12.20 House, (R) 1.15 Home and Away, 1.45 Neighbours, 2.15 The Vanessa Show, 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes, (R) 3.15 Film: First Daughter, (1999) 5.00 5 News at 5, Weather, 5.30 Neighbours, (R) 6.00 Home and Away, (R) 6.25 OK! TV, 7.00 5 News at 7, 7.30 How Do They Do It?, 5 News Update, 8.00 The Gadget Show, 5 News at 9, 9.00 The Hotel Inspector, 10.00 Extraordinary People: The Rainman Twins, (R) 11.00 Film: Private Benjamin, (1980) 1.10 SuperCasino, 4.00 Meals in Moments, (R) 4.10 How Not to Decorate, (R) 4.55 Animal Rescue Squad, (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS, (R) 5.35 House Doctor, (R)

Tuesday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 The Pink Panther Show, (R) 12.00 Animal Park, 12.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship, Graeme Dott v Mark King and Ronnie O'Sullivan v Dominic Dale, 5.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 5.55 Party Election Broadcast, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship, Mark Selby v Jimmy Robertson and Mark Allen v Matthew Stevens, 8.00 The Great British Wedding Cake, 9.00 The Crimewatch and the White, 10.00 The Victorians, 10.30 Newsnight, Weather, 11.20 Snooker: The World Championship, 12.10 Snooker Extra, 2.10 BBC News, 3.25 Close, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast, 9.00 What's the Point of Forgiveness? 10.00 The Story of Jesus, 11.00 Filthy Rotten Soundrels, (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic, 12.15 Bargain Hunt, (R) 1.00 BBC News, Weather, 1.25 Regional News, Weather, 1.30 Film: The Prince of Egypt, (1998) Animated Biblical musical, with the voice of Val Kilmer, 3.00 Film: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement, (2004) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway, 4.50 Film: Enchanted, (2007) Fantasy comedy, starring Amy Adams, 6.30 BBC News, Weather, 6.50 Regional News, Weather, 7.00 The One Show, 8.00 EastEnders, 8.30 A Question of Sport, (R) 9.00 Have I Got News for You, 9.30 QI, (R) 10.00 BBC News, 10.20 Regional News, Weather, 10.30 The Graham Norton Show, 11.15 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws, 11.25 The One Show, (R) 12.25 Film: Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Kate Bosworth and Topher Grace, Weatherview, 2.00 Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Spoken, (R) 3.00 The Boat That Guy Built, (R) 3.30 Great British Railway Journeys, (R) 4.00 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 The Pink Panther Show, (R) 12.00 Animal Park, 12.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship, Second-round coverage from Sheffield, 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship, The final session on day seven at the Crucible Theatre from Sheffield, 8.00 Gardeners' World, 9.00 Monty Don's Italian Gardens, 10.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated, 10.30 Film: The Village, (2004) Horror thriller, starring Joaquin Phoenix, 12.10 Later with Jools Holland, 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship, 12.10 Snooker Extra, 2.10 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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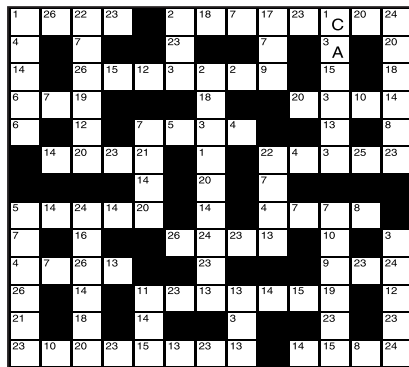
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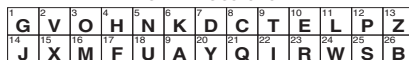
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Codeword

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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. Fair game? (7)
8. Invest, but not in vest! (6)
9. Maintains a return pressure (7)
10. An expression of surprise in a legal document (6)
11. Big cuts she makes in fuel (6)
12. It's taken at one's leisure (8)
18. I leave the law to the big guns (8)
20. It's nonsense to compel a number (6)
21. Crafty, like a well-stocked gallery? (6)
22. We can do with it! (7)
23. Sole man without a grave (6)
24. A number, for example, finishes the inscriptions (7)

Down

1. Give credit? (7)
2. Where there's no bar for ship repairs? (3,4)
3. Describes a sailor given a mission (6)
5. Reconciled to having had to give up work (8)
6. A mark of credit and comfort (6)
7. One eats it, as a matter of course (6)
13. Blend of tea, I sold apart from the rest (8)
14. Showed a sign of cold and contempt? (7)
15. A single way of making an impression (7)
16. Perfect voice for a trio? (6)
17. Develop part of a revolver (6)
19. Close, so ran up to a disturbance (6)

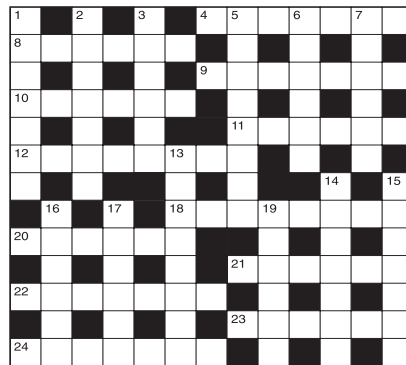
Quick Clues:

Across

4. Skill (7)
8. Undid (6)
9. Upper hand (7)
10. Idle talk (6)
11. Engage (6)
12. Benevolence (8)
18. Outer (8)
20. Whirlpool (6)
21. Frugality (6)
22. Absorbed (7)
23. Limited (6)
24. Capricious (7)

Down

1. Funeral procession (7)
2. Brief notice (7)
3. Roar (6)
5. Ornament for the wrist (8)
6. Small (6)
7. Push (6)
13. Unskilled (8)
14. Tasteless (7)
15. Agitation (7)
16. Ceremonious (6)
17. Cord (6)
19. Racial (6)



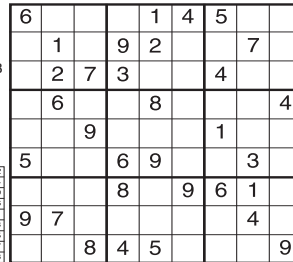
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Sudoku

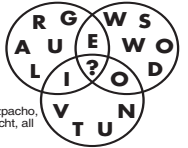
Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is O. Gazpacho, Fasolada, Borscht, all types of soup.

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The fitted breakfast kitchen measures 9ft 2in x 5ft 2in and includes a range of wall and base cupboards with contrasting rolled edge worktops and a one-and-a-half bowl stainless steel sink and drainer with mixer tap. There is also an integral electric oven and gas hob with stainless steel cooker hood, plumbing for a washing machine, space for a fridge/freezer, radiator and wall mounted gas central heating boiler.

Conservatory

Dimensions of the lounge are 13ft 5in x 8ft 7in and include a fireplace with hearth and surround with inset flame-effect gas fire, radiator and under stairs cloak cupboard providing storage space. A set of French doors open to the conservatory which measures 11ft 7in x 9ft 9in with

further access to the garden.

Once upstairs, the first floor landing has a radiator and airing cupboard with hot water cylinder while a second set of stairs lead to the second floor.

Access on the first floor leads to bedrooms two and three which measure 12ft 1in x 8ft and 12ft 1in x 8ft respectively.

Both bedrooms include a radiator and uPVC double-glazed window and the third also has a built-in wardrobe.

Also on the second floor is the main bathroom with suite comprising a panelled bath, low-level WC, wash basin with ceramic tiled splash back, radiator and extractor fan.

The second floor houses the master bedroom, which measures 6ft 4in x 12ft 2in and includes a built-in wardrobe, radiator and double-glazed window with an archway leading to a dressing area with fitted wardrobe and further door leading to a spacious en-suite shower room with walk-in shower, WC and wash basin.

The house itself is set back behind a lawned garden with a pathway leading to the front door. To the side is a shared entrance leading to the rear where there are two allocated parking spaces leading to a garage which measures 16ft 3in x 8ft. To the rear is an enclosed garden laid to lawn with a further raised area with a garden shed and gate leading to the garage.

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Stoney Lane

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- Four Bed Detached
 - Two Reception rooms
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 - Master Bedroom with En-suite
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 - Garage
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 - Family Bathroom
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Old Hall Court

- Aldridge**
- Farmhouse courtyard location
 - Two Bedrooms
 - Two Bathroom, Exposed Beams
 - Views over open countryside
 - Electric security entry gate
 - Gas central heating
 - Double glazing
 - Feature stone fireplace
 - Master bedroom with En-suite shower room

In the Region of £174,950



Stoney Lane

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom
 - Semi
 - Lounge
 - Dining Room
 - Utility Room
 - Cloakroom W.C.
 - Conservatory
 - Shower Room
 - Front & Rear Gardens
 - Garage

Offers in excess of £165,000



Revival Street

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom
 - Detached
 - Lounge
 - Kitchen
 - Family Bathroom
 - En-Suite
 - Cloakroom W.C.
 - Front & Rear Gardens
 - Garage
 - Driveway
 - Viewing Essential

In the Region of £164,950



Mill Lane

- Willenhall**
- Three Bedroom
 - Detached
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Conservatory
 - Fitted Kitchen
 - Family Bathroom
 - Separate building housing Utility
 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

In the Region of £159,950



Bloxwich Road

- Walsall**
- Four Bedroom
 - End-Terrace
 - Through Lounge
 - Dining Room
 - Kitchen
 - Family Bathroom
 - Block Paved Driveway
 - Off Road Parking
 - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £150,000



Buttermere Grove

- Willenhall**
- Three Bedroom
 - Terrace
 - Modernised
 - Through Lounge
 - Re-Fitted Kitchen & Bathrooms
 - Bathrooms
 - Conservatory
 - Integral Garage
 - Off Road Parking
 - Popular Cragg Farm Estate

In the Region of £149,950



Windrush Close

- Pelsall**
- Three Storey Three Bed Town House
 - Fitted Kitchen
 - Lounge/Diner
 - En-Suite
 - Family Bathroom
 - Separate Garage
 - Allocated parking
 - Enclosed Rear Garden

In the Region of £147,950



Revival Street

- Bloxwich**
- Two Bedroom
 - Semi-Detached
 - Lounge
 - Kitchen
 - Cloakroom W.C.
 - Family Bathroom
 - Front & Rear Gardens
 - Garage
 - Driveway

Offers in the Region of £139,950



Field Road

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom
 - Mid Terrace
 - New Build 10 year warranty
 - Fitted Kitchen
 - Downstairs W.C.
 - En-Suite
 - Bathroom
 - Integral Garage
 - Rear Garden

In the Region of £129,950



Clockmill Mill

- Pelsall**
- Two Bedroom
 - Semi-Detached
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Fitted Kitchen
 - Utility
 - Front & Rear Gardens
 - Central Heating
 - Double Glazing

£124,950



Cypress Road

- Walsall**
- Three Bedroom
 - Terrace
 - Through Lounge
 - Fitted Kitchen
 - Utility
 - Downstairs W.C.
 - Bathroom
 - Block Paved Driveway
 - Double glazing
 - Gas Central Heating
 - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £114,950



Field Road

- Bloxwich**
- Two Bedroom
 - House
 - New Build 10 year warranty
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Fitted Kitchen with integrated Appliances
 - Downstairs W.C.
 - Rear Garden
 - Parking to front

In the Region of £109,950



Windrush Close

- Pelsall**
- Two Bedroom
 - Apartment
 - Lounge
 - Kitchen
 - Bathroom
 - Communal Grounds
 - Allocated parking
 - Popular Location
 - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £104,950



Buxton Close

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedrooms
 - Kitchen/Diner
 - Double Glazing
 - Gas Central Heating
 - Conservatory
 - Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in Excess of £100,000



Dartmouth Close

- Walsall**
- Three Bedroom
 - Mid-Terrace
 - Two Reception Rooms
 - Separate W.C.
 - Detached Garage to Rear
 - Front & Rear Gardens
 - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £97,500



Tennyson Road

- Willenhall**
- Three Bedroom End Terrace
 - Lounge/Diner*Kitchen
 - Three Bedrooms
 - Family Bathroom
 - Rear Garden
 - Double Parking
 - Double Glazing
 - Gas Central Heating

Offers in excess of £95,000



Bloxwich Road

- Walsall**
- Three Bed Terrace
 - Through Lounge
 - Fitted Kitchen
 - Family Bathroom
 - Rear Garden

In the Region of £89,950



Blakenall Lane

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom
 - Mid-Terrace
 - Two Reception Rooms
 - Fitted Kitchen
 - Ground Floor Bathroom
 - Front & Rear Gardens
 - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £89,950



Shrewsbury Close

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom
 - Double Glazing & Central Heating
 - Lounge
 - Dining Room
 - Bathroom and separate W.C.
 - Quiet Cul-De-Sac location
 - Enclosed Rear Garden

Offers in excess of £80,000



Littleton Road

- New Invention**
- One Bedroom
 - First Floor Flat
 - Lounge
 - Kitchen
 - Bathroom
 - Gas Central Heating
 - Communal Grounds
 - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £79,950



Lichfield Road

- Rushall**
- Two Bedrooms
 - Lounge
 - Kitchen with appliances
 - Family Bathroom
 - Off Road Parking
 - Communal Gardens

In the Region of £75,000



Beatrice Street

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom
 - Semi-Detached
 - Two Reception Rooms
 - Kitchen
 - Cloakroom W.C.
 - Front & Rear Gardens
 - Double Glazing

£74,950



Mark Court, Arboretum Road

- Walsall**
- One Bedroom
 - First Floor Flat
 - Lounge
 - Kitchen
 - Bathroom
 - Gas Central Heating
 - Communal Grounds
 - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £68,000



Buxton Road

- Bloxwich**
- Two Bedroom
 - Ground Floor Flat
 - Lounge
 - Fitted Kitchen
 - Shower Room
 - Electric Storage Heating
 - Double Glazing
 - Communal Grounds

In the Region of £63,950



Neath Way

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom
 - Mid-Terrace
 - Two Reception Rooms
 - Kitchen
 - Family Bathroom
 - Front & Rear Gardens
 - Off Road Parking
 - NO CHAIN

£60,000



Rockingham Close

- Bloxwich**
- First Floor Flat
 - Two Bedrooms
 - One Reception room
 - Double Glazing & Central Heating
 - Shower over bath
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Two Bathrooms
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Waddensbrook Lane, Wednesfield Wednesfield



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Perch Road, Reedswood, Walsall Walsall



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• Well Positioned for both Walsall & Darlaston Town Centres
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
• Lounge
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A modern three bedroom semi detached home on a 50% part buy & part rent basis. Being approximately one year old this property has the benefit of central heating, double glazing, MFG garage. The property further comprises, lounge, dining room, extended fitted kitchen, cellar, 2 double bedrooms, attic room, family bathroom with additional shower cubicle and rear garden.
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Eldon Street, Darlaston Darlaston



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Bentley Lane, Willenhall Willenhall



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Fisher Street, Willenhall Willenhall



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Fenners Close, Park Hall, Wolverhampton Wolverhampton



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A modern three bedroom semi detached home on a 50% part buy & part rent basis. Being approximately one year old this property has the benefit of central heating, double glazing, MFG garage. The property further comprises, lounge with feature fireplace, fitted kitchen, guest WC, three bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, off road parking & front & rear gardens. Viewing 01902 633323
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£64,995**



A three bedroom modern semi detached family home in the sought after Copice Farm estate having the benefit of no upward chain, gas central heating and double glazing. This lovely property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage. **VIRTUAL TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE**
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£141,995**

Wolverhampton Street, Darlaston Darlaston



NO UPWARD CHAIN AND OPEN TO OFFERS Presenting a first floor flat having the benefit of double glazing and part central heating. This property further comprises communal entrance with entrance, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with shower and communal gardens. **VIRTUAL TOUR AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£59,995**

Collers Close, Summer Hayes, Willenhall Willenhall



Presenting a spacious 4 bedroom detached bungalow benefiting from central heating, double glazing & alarm system. Further comprising hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, conservatory, 4 bedrooms with en-suite to master, family bathroom with jacuzzi bath, front drive, rear garden & large rear garage.
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£197,500**

Temple Road, Willenhall Willenhall



Offers invited on a two bedroom middle terrace home in need of some re-decoration and upgrading whilst having the benefit of no upward chain, and no upward chain. The property further comprises, lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor shower room, two double bedrooms and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£57,950**

Gipsy Lane, Willenhall Willenhall



Three bedroom semi detached having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property further comprises, reception hall, kitchen, lounge, bathroom, off road parking, parking, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£109,995**



A three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, front and rear parking spaces. **VIRTUAL TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE**
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£129,995**



Refurbished, improved and updated, this modern semi detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal for a young family the property further comprises, porch, reception hall, fitted kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens with patio and off road parking. **VIRTUAL TOUR AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£70,000**

Harowley Place, Willenhall Willenhall



An extended 3 bedroom traditional semi-detached family home benefiting from gas central heating & upvc double glazing. Further comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended L-shaped kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage. **VIRTUAL TOUR ON WEBSITE**
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£104,950**

Memorial Close, Willenhall Willenhall



Well presented modern 3 bedroom detached house, central heating & double glazing, hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, fitted bathroom, garage, double drive, front & rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£165,000**

Fraser Street, Bilston Bilston



A two bedroom middle terrace property having the benefit of no upward chain, gas central heating and majority UPVC double glazing. Ideal for first time buyer or landlord the property further comprises, lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor shower room, two double bedrooms and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£69,950**

Riverbank Road, Riverpoint, Willenhall



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OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£89,950**



An excellent first time home for a young family this property has the benefit of no upward chain, double glazing and gas central heating. This lovely property further comprises, porch, reception hall, fitted kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens with patio and off road parking. **VIRTUAL TOUR AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£339,950**

Bloxwich Road South, Willenhall, West Midlands



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OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£75,000**

Honeybourne Way, Kingfisher Estate, Willenhall



Offers by sealed bid invited by 12 noon on Friday 16 April 2011. Ideal investment or 1st time purchase, 2 bedrooms semi-detached house, no upward chain, central heating, double glazing, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, side drive with scope to extend (plot), rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£80,000**

Argil Close, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton



An immaculately presented, three bedroom detached property having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This splendid property further comprises reception hall, guest WC, lounge, fitted kitchen, integrated garage, first floor bathroom, three bedrooms, front & rear gardens and off road parking to the front.
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£154,950**

Arnwood Close, Walsall Walsall



A good size 3 bedroom detached bungalow on a generous sized plot having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, this attractive alarm and no upward chain. Located in a quiet cul-de-sac the property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking for several vehicles, caravans etc and a separate garage.
OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£164,995**

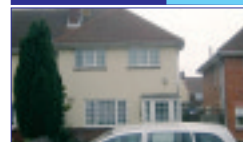


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• Double Glazing (as specified)
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OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£114,995**



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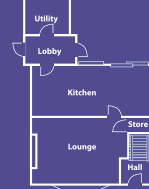
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ESSINGTON BROAD LANE

- * Spacious traditional style detached bungalow
- * Two reception rooms
- * Popular and much requested location
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazing
- * Garage and ample off road parking
- * Two bedrooms

£230,000



NEW INVENTION JONES ROAD

- * Discreetly spacious traditional style semi
- * Three reception rooms
- * Generous corner plot with potential to add or extend
- * Garage and off road parking (subject to planning permission)
- * Excellent potential for improvement

£99,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL DILLOWAYS LANE

- * Traditional style bay fronted semi
- * 28ft through lounge/dining room
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating system
- * UPVC double glazing
- * Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob

£104,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL MILL LANE

- * Pleasantly appointed detached family residence
- * Three bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * UPVC double glazed conservatory
- * Well equipped fitted kitchen
- * Gas central heating
- * Double glazed windows
- * Black paved driveway

£159,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL PACKWOOD CLOSE

- * Excellent modern style semi in popular Short Heath development
- * Planning permission granted for a two storey side extension
- * Call for price
- * Two bedrooms
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- * Reason 1/81 front lounge
- * External rear garden

£110,000 OFFERS



WILLENHALL MARDEN CLOSE

- * Pleasantly appointed extended modern style detached residence
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Fitted dining kitchen
- * Upstairs bathroom
- * Four bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * Garage and off road parking

£169,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



COPPICE FARM TORRIDON ROAD

- * Spacious appointed modern style bungalow
- * Beautifully presented accommodation
- * Fitted kitchen including appliances
- * Two bedrooms, bath with built in wardrobe
- * Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- * Black paved driveway
- * Viewing essential

£155,000 OFFERS



WEDNESFIELD STUBBY LANE

- * Traditional style extended semi detached property
- * Three bedrooms
- * Extended gable style kitchen
- * Double glazing and gas central heating
- * First floor bathroom
- * Enclosed rear garden with paved patio
- * Ample off road parking

£127,500 OFFERS IN THE REGION



NEW INVENTION SANDLAND ROAD

- * Spacious four bedroom semi detached property
- * Two reception rooms
- * Gas central heating
- * Part UPVC double glazed windows
- * Kitchen and store room/utility
- * Bathroom with white suite and shower
- * Rear garden
- * A family home offering excellent potential
- * No chain

£120,000 OFFERS



BENTLEY POPLAR AVENUE

- * Traditional style semi detached property
- * Thought ideal for first time purchasers
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC single glazed windows
- * Upstairs bathroom with shower
- * Spacious 21ft through lounge
- * Internal viewing recommended

£94,500 OFFERS NO CHAIN



NEW INVENTION FLETCHER ROAD

- * Extended two bedroom traditional style semi
- * Gas central heating, part UPVC double glazed windows
- * Extended sitting room and guest cloakroom
- * Upstairs bathroom with white suite
- * Lounge and separate dining room
- * Fitted rear garden
- * Off road parking
- * Internal viewing recommended

£96,995 OFFERS - NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL GIPSY LANE

- * Two bedroom coach house style apartment
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Electric storage heating
- * Fitted bathroom with white suite
- * Upstairs kitchen inc oven and hob
- * Garage and allocated parking space
- * Security gated entrance
- * Internal viewing recommended

£95,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL TEMPLE ROAD

- * Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas CH
- * UPVC windows
- * Excellent refitted kitchen being well equipped with a range of appliances
- * 18ft through lounge with feature fireplace
- * Upstairs bathroom with separate wc
- * Generous rear garden
- * Viewing essential

£89,995



WILLENHALL CIRCUIT CLOSE

- * Pleasantly appointed first floor apartment
- * Two bedrooms
- * Electric storage heating
- * Fitted kitchen
- * Lounge with feature fireplace
- * Communal garden
- * Allocated parking
- * Convenient location
- * No chain

£49,995



WILLENHALL YORK AVENUE

- * Pleasantly appointed traditional style semi
- * Popular Country Bridge location
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * Double glazing
- * Excellent refitted kitchen with appliances
- * Fitted bathroom with shower
- * Black paved driveway

£133,500 OFFERS



WILLENHALL TILDESLEY DRIVE

- * Pleasantly appointed improved and town house in popular development
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- * Spacious 19ft through lounge
- * Garage and driveway to the fore
- * Generous rear garden
- * Internal viewing essential

£124,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL ERNEST CLARK CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- * Pleasant town house style property
- * Ideal for first time buyers or a young family
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Spacious 27ft through lounge
- * Living room and sun room
- * No related chain

£89,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN



WANTED

Properties in New Invention and Short Heath Recent sales include:

Sandringham Avenue	£157,500	4 bed semi
Sandringham Avenue	£129,950	3 bed semi
Pimbury Road	£75,000	2 bed semi
Sandland Road	£102,000	3 bed semi
Coltham Road	£84,995	2 bed terraced
Pooles Lane	£162,995	3 bed semi
Woodside Way	£114,995	2 bed bungalow



COPPICE FARM, WILLENHALL GOREY CLOSE

- * Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
- * Two bedrooms
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Upstairs bathroom with shower
- * Driveway providing off road parking
- * Ideal first time purchase
- * No related chain

£119,995



WILLENHALL NEVIS GROVE, COPPICE FARM

- * Pleasant modern style semi detached property
- * Two bedrooms, both with fitted wardrobes
- * Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- * Spacious 14ft front lounge
- * Fitted bathroom with shower
- * Pleasant rear garden
- * Garage and ample parking

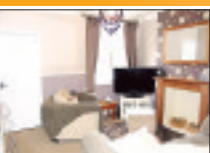
£125,000 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL VICTORIA STREET

- * Pleasantly appointed traditional style terrace
- * Much sought after location
- * Three bedrooms
- * Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
- * Fitted bathroom with shower
- * Gas central heating
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Ideal first time purchase

£76,950 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL



NEW INVENTION BRERETON ROAD

- * Traditional style end town house in popular location
- * Three bedrooms
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * 19ft through lounge
- * Separate dining room
- * Fitted kitchen inc oven, hob, microwave and washing machine
- * Ideal first time purchase

£94,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN



SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE

- * Deeply spacious extended traditional style detached bungalow
- * Three bedrooms
- * Gas central heating, upvc double windows
- * Superb refitted luxury bathroom
- * Upvc double glazed conservatory
- * Large 18ft rear garden
- * Ample off road parking for several cars

£199,950 VIEWING ESSENTIAL



WEDNESFIELD TEASEL ROAD

- * Modern linked detached property
- * Much sought after location
- * Three bedrooms, master with built in wardrobes
- * Fitted dining kitchen
- * Lounge with feature fireplace
- * Double glazed windows and gas central heating
- * Garage and off road parking
- * Enclosed rear garden

£152,500



ESSINGTON FORREST AVENUE

- * Pleasantly appointed three bedrooms semi
- * Popular Essington village location
- * Refitted dining kitchen
- * Appliances
- * Garage and concrete-paved driveway
- * Upstairs bathroom
- * Viewing essential

£154,995 OFFERS



WILLENHALL NOOSE LANE

- * Pleasantly appointed traditional style detached double fronted bungalow
- * Three bedrooms
- * UPVC double glazed windows
- * Part UPVC double glazed windows
- * Gas central heating
- * Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
- * Fitted bathroom with shower
- * Ample off road parking for several vehicles

£159,950 OFFERS INVITED



WILLENHALL CADNAM CLOSE

- * Three bedroom double fronted detached family residence
- * Potential to extend to the side elevation (subject to planning regulations)
- * Gas central heating, double glazing
- * 18ft through lounge
- * Conservatory
- * 1st floor dining kitchen
- * Spacious double-width garage and ample parking
- * Internal viewing recommended

£159,950 NO CHAIN



WEDNESFIELD LONGMORE CLOSE, OFF BROAD LANE SOUTH

- * Superly appointed modern detached residence
- * Two bedrooms
- * UPVC double glazed conservatory
- * 18ft through lounge
- * Fitted kitchen inc oven, hob & refrigerator
- * Downstairs guest cloakroom
- * Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows

£199,950 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL

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Julie Smith, regional sales director for Morris, says: "The current sluggish second hand housing market means that many homebuyers in Sedgley are finding themselves stuck in a chain and unable to sell their existing home."

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Morris' part exchange scheme enables homeowners to sell their existing house to the housebuilder for 100 per cent of its market value and is available on a range of three and four bedroom properties at the Eden Fields development starting from £184,750.

The housebuilder is also offering a range of tailor-made schemes to help ease the hassle of moving home including fitted carpets and curtains in a selection of properties.

For more information, visit the sales office (open Thursday to Monday between 9.30 am and 4.30pm) at Eden Fields, Wolverhampton Road East, Sedgley, WV4 6GB; call 01902 880938 or visit www.morris-homes.co.uk/eden-fields/

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Semi is ideal for first-time buyers

AN ideal property for first-time buyers or couples looking to downsize has come onto the market in Willenhall.

The semi-detached two-bedroomed home in Rosewood Drive, on the popular Coppice Farm estate, has gas fired central heating, uPVC double glazing and allocated parking, and is on the market with Fraser Wood for £107,500 with no chain.

Situated at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, the house is on the doorstep of schools and shops and is within easy reach of Walsall, Wolverhampton and the M6.

A uPVC double-glazed front door opens into an entrance hallway, with a door leading off to the 10ft 3in x 13ft 3in lounge, which has a gas fire with surround, dado rail and understairs storage cupboard. From here, a door leads to the kitchen, where there is a range of fitted wall and base units, an inset sink, gas hob and electric oven with extractor fan, plumbing for a washing machine and wood laminate flooring.

Storage

Upstairs, the main bedroom measures 8ft 10in x 10ft 3in and has built-in wardrobes with overhead storage. There is a further bedroom and bathroom, which has a suite comprising a WC, wash basin and shower cubicle.

Outside, the property is set back from the road behind a lawned fore-garden, path to the front door and side access to the rear garden, which is also accessed from the kitchen. There is also allocated parking at the front of the house.

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11 11 HYUNDAI i30 COMFORT 1.4, WHITE	£11,245	£9,745	OUR CAR	£9,745	£9,745
11 11 HYUNDAI i30 SPECIAL EDITION BLACK	£11,745	£10,245	OUR CAR	£10,245	£10,245
11 11 HYUNDAI i30 DIESEL ESTATE, ICE BLUE	£12,245	£10,745	OUR CAR	£10,745	£10,745
11 11 HYUNDAI i10 CLASSIC WHITE, AC, CD	£8,245	£6,745	OUR CAR	£6,745	£6,745
11 11 HYUNDAI i30 CLASSIC 1.4 STONE BLACK, AC, CD, ESP, REMOTE LOCKING, WARRANTY 2016	£11,245	£9,745	OUR CAR	£9,745	£9,745
11 11 HYUNDAI i30 COMFORT AUTO, BLUE, AC	£11,745	£10,245	OUR CAR	£10,245	£10,245
11 11 HYUNDAI i30 CLASSIC DIESEL, RED ALLOYS, AC, CD, ESP, REMOTE LOCKING, WARRANTY 2016	£12,245	£10,745	OUR CAR	£10,745	£10,745
11 11 HYUNDAI i30 COMFORT DIESEL ESTATE, BLACK ALLOYS, AC, CD, ESP, WARRANTY 2015	£12,745	£11,245	OUR CAR	£11,245	£11,245
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11 11 HYUNDAI i20 COMFORT 1.2 3DR, BLACK ALLOYS, AC, CD, ESP, REMOTE LOCKING, WARRANTY 2015	£11,245	£9,745	OUR CAR	£9,745	£9,745
11 11 HYUNDAI i20 DIESEL ALLOYS, RFL E20	£12,245	£10,745	OUR CAR	£10,745	£10,745

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Model	RR Price	Our Price	Our Car	RR Price	Our Car
10 10 HYUNDAI i20 COMFORT 1.4, BLUE, ONE OWNER, ALLOYS, REMOTE LOCKING, AC, CD, ESP, WARRANTY SEPT 2015	£11,245	£9,745	OUR CAR	£9,745	£9,745
10 10 HYUNDAI iX 20 MPV 1.4 DIESEL, CLASSIC, ICE BLUE, AC, CD, ESP, EASY ENRY AND EXIT, OUR OWN DEMO CAR, LIST PRICE £13850	£13,850	£12,350	OUR CAR	£12,350	£12,350
10 10 HYUNDAI i10 CLASSIC, SILVER, AC, CD, CENTRAL LOCKING, ELECTRIC FRONT WINDOWS, WARRANTY UNTIL 2015	£8,245	£6,745	OUR CAR	£6,745	£6,745
10 10 HYUNDAI i10 LIMITED EDITION, RED ALLOYS, REMOTE LOCKING, FOG LAMPS, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, WARRANTY UNTIL 2015	£9,745	£8,245	OUR CAR	£8,245	£8,245
10 10 HYUNDAI i30 1.4 COMFORT, VIVID BLUE, AC, CD, ESP, iPod connection, ALLOYS, REMOTE LOCKING, WARRANTY 2015	£11,245	£9,745	OUR CAR	£9,745	£9,745
10 10 HYUNDAI i20 COMFORT DIESEL SPARKLE BLUE, AC, CD, ESP, iPod connection, ALLOYS, REMOTE LOCKING, WARRANTY UNTIL 2015	£12,245	£10,745	OUR CAR	£10,745	£10,745
10 10 HYUNDAI i10 1.4 STYLE, SUNSET RED, ALLOYS, AC, CD, REMOTE LOCKING, WARRANTY 2015	£8,245	£6,745	OUR CAR	£6,745	£6,745
10 10 HYUNDAI i30 COMFORT ESTATE, RED ALLOYS, AC, CD, ESP, iPod connection, ALLOYS, REMOTE LOCKING, WARRANTY JAN 2015	£12,245	£10,745	OUR CAR	£10,745	£10,745
10 10 HYUNDAI i30 STYLE ESTATE, VIVID BLUE, CLEAN CAR, PART LEATHER, ALLOYS, WARRANTY UNTIL 2015	£12,245	£10,745	OUR CAR	£10,745	£10,745
10 10 HYUNDAI i10 1.4 LIMITED EDITION, RED, REMOTE LOCKING, ELECTRIC FRONT WINDOWS, AC, CD, ESP, WARRANTY 2014	£9,745	£8,245	OUR CAR	£8,245	£8,245
09 09 HYUNDAI i20 COMFORT DIESEL, BLUE ALLOYS, REMOTE LOCKING, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, AC, CD, ONLY 30 ROAD TAX, WARRANTY 16/14 NOW	£11,245	£9,745	OUR CAR	£9,745	£9,745
09 09 HYUNDAI i30 COMFORT 1.2 3DR, SLEEK SILVER, AC, CD, ALLOYS, REMOTE LOCKING, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, WARRANTY UNTIL 2014 NOW	£11,245	£9,745	OUR CAR	£9,745	£9,745
09 09 HYUNDAI i30 STYLE ESTATE, STONE BLACK, CLEAN CAR, PART LEATHER, ALLOYS, WARRANTY UNTIL 2014 NOW	£12,245	£10,745	OUR CAR	£10,745	£10,745
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08 08 HYUNDAI i30 PREMIUM, RED, LEATHER, ALLOYS, REMOTE LOCKING, AC, CD, ESP, WARRANTY UNTIL SEPT 2013 NOW	£13,850	£12,350	OUR CAR	£12,350	£12,350
10 10 HYUNDAI i30 PREMIUM 2.0 CRDI, VIVID BLUE, LEATHER ALLOYS, REMOTE LOCKING, ONE OWNER, SERVICE HISTORY, WARRANTY UNTIL MAR 2015 NOW	£15,999	£14,499	OUR CAR	£14,499	£14,499
07 57 HYUNDAI i30 1.4 STYLE, SILVER, 16 INCH ALLOYS, iPod connection, ESP, AC, CD, HALF LEATHER, WARRANTY 2012	£11,245	£9,745	OUR CAR	£9,745	£9,745
07 57 HYUNDAI i30 1.4 COMFORT, BLACK, ONE OWNER, ALLOYS, AC, CD, ESP, MANUFACTURERS WARRANTY SEPT 2012	£11,245	£9,745	OUR CAR	£9,745	£9,745

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10 10 HYUNDAI i30 DIESEL AUTOMATIC, CONTINENTAL SILVER, ALLOY WHEELS, AC, CD, ESP, iPod connection, RR Price £17415 OUR CAR WAS £13499 NOW	£17,415	£13,499	OUR CAR	£13,499	£13,499
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10 10 HYUNDAI iX35 PREM CRUISE AND CLIMATE CONTROL, PANORAMIC GLASS ROOF, ALLOYS, FOG LAMPS, WARRANTY SEPT 2015 NOW	£19,499	£17,999	OUR CAR	£17,999	£17,999
10 10 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 7 SEAT STYLE AUTO, CHOICE, ALLOYS, AC, CD, ESP, WARRANTY NOV 2015 LIST PRICE £25725 FROM	£25,725	£24,225	OUR CAR	£24,225	£24,225
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Subaru sprints into spring with an offer

SPRING is in the air for Subaru customers with the company's latest generous offer on the iconic high-performance STI.

A byword for exceptional driving performance, the characterful STI is now available with upgraded engine power and a satellite navigation system as standard and with no increase to the on-the-road price of £32,995 but for a limited period only.

The widely praised, revised 2.5-litre Subaru Boxer 16-valve turbo engine produces an already impressive 300PS at 6000rpm and 407Nm at 4000rpm in standard trim. Customers who buy an STI between now and the end of June will get an engine upgrade which will result in an extra 20PS and even more mid-range torque, leading to final performance figures of 450Nm at 3400rpm.

The power pack has been developed in-house at Subaru UK and is covered by a Subaru UK warranty.

A sub-five second sprint to 62mph puts the STI firmly in the supercar category, despatched in just 4.9 seconds.

In addition to the significant engine enhancements, STIs bought in the qualifying



High performance: the spring offer comes with an engine upgrade

period will get a Pioneer satnav fitted as standard. The system has touch-screen capability, Bluetooth and iPod connection. The screen is detachable and can be connected to a laptop using a USB port for easy downloading of additional information.

All STIs come as standard with symmetrical AWD, keyless entry and push-button start, hill-start assist, climate control, Si-Drive, leather Recaro seats, 18in alloy wheels, remote locking, satellite tracker and cruise control.

The STI offer runs until June 31 and applies to both four and five-door variants.

2011 Compass pointing a way forward for Jeep

COUPLED with interior refinements, and improved ride and handling characteristics in all conditions – courtesy of upgraded steering and suspension systems – the new Jeep Compass offers a blend of premium styling, capability, efficiency and value in the compact-SUV segment.

"With the new 2011 Jeep Compass, we've applied the premium design cues of our award-winning new Grand Cherokee," says Mike Manley, President and CEO – Jeep Brand, Chrysler Group LLC. "Combined with new interior appointments, and refinements to the suspension and steering systems, Jeep Compass provides consumers with the ultimate combination of styling, capability, fuel economy, efficiency, safety and value in the important compact-SUV segment."

The 2011 Jeep Compass has more than 30 safety and security features, including standard side-curtain air bags, electronic

stability control (ESC), electronic roll mitigation, Hill-start Assist (with manual transmission), side curtain air bags front and rear, and available front-seat-mounted side air bags.

The new 2011 Jeep Compass has a distinct family resemblance to the all-new, premium 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

With a new bonnet, new front bumpers, new front valance and new headlamps as well as a new grille that has been detailed with chrome surrounding the traditional seven slots found on all Jeep vehicles, the new face of the Compass features a more serious, yet sophisticated, appearance. Lighting performance is improved with the use of quad reflector headlamps, and the fog lamps are now high output projector lamps.

A band of protective cladding has been added for 2011, serving to fend off debris when driving in challenging weather conditions or off-road, and providing a new appearance.

This trend continues with enhancements to the rear of the Compass. A new rear valance, new body-colour rear spoiler, and subtle, upscale touches including new LED

taillamps, and on the Limited model, bright trim on the kick plates and a chrome exhaust, adorn the new 2011 Jeep Compass. Topping it off, a new set of roof rails have been designed with a slimmer down appearance and a small amount of brightwork. The 2011 Compass sports new, standard 17-inch alloy wheels, and 18-inch alloy wheels are also available.

Interior upgrades for the Compass include new soft touch front-door trim panels with a padded upper surface; a new centre armrest; a new steering wheel with integrated controls that allows drivers to operate the radio, cruise control, available handsfree phone and other vehicle functions while keeping their hands on the wheel; new cloth interior with premium cloth bucket seats in the front; standard Cruise Control on all models; new backlighting of door switches, door locks, windows and power mirror controls.

The new 2011 Jeep Compass offers an array of clever features including navigation with iPod interface, a premium audio system with nine Boston Acoustic speakers, power sunroof, illuminated cup holders, and fold-flat rear seats are some of the available features that make the Compass the ideal compact SUV, enabling consumers to enjoy any adventure.

It also features Freedom Drive I – a full-time, active four-wheel-drive system with lock mode, designed to give drivers year-round assurance with the ability to handle rough weather and low-traction conditions. This active four-wheel-drive system is designed specifically for daily use, and is particularly useful in slick conditions that come with rain and light snow. Freedom Drive I also features a lockable centre coupling, giving drivers the ability to put the Jeep Compass in four-wheel-drive lock mode to handle deep snow, sand and other low-traction surfaces.

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RUGBY

Winger's try leaves Walsall a point short

Aldridge snatch last-gasp victory

WALSALL 25 BOURNVILLE 26

Walsall were pipped by a single point in yet another close encounter.

They have been involved in no fewer than 10 matches this season which could have gone either way at the end. But it was Bournville who popped up to win with a last-gasp try.

Bournville, with the breeze in their favour, made a better start and were soon ahead. They capitalised on a poor clearance kick and moved the ball wide for winger Mbano to cross wide out.

Warner put over a good conversion to establish a seven-point

lead in less than two minutes. But the hosts worked their way up field and were awarded a penalty in front of the posts. Matt Wood put over the kick although Walsall would have preferred the chance to play advantage.

The visitors extended their lead when they drove forward off a scrum near the Walsall line. Prop forward Coles eventually squirmed over and Warner converted.

It was late in the half before

Walsall hit back. Centre Roger Weston collected a clearance kick and made a superb 40-metre run before passing to prop forward Pete Fitzgerald who powered over in the corner. Half-time was reached with Wood slotting a 30-metre penalty from wide out.

Walsall dominated the early part of the second half, scoring two tries but wasting other opportunities.

Some delightful footwork saw centre Weston cut through to score

near the posts and another sweeping attack was finished in style by winger Alex Greenslade. Wood converted both scores for a 25-14 lead. But with 10 minutes left Bournville's forwards bulldozed their way towards the Walsall line and Coles was driven over again, Warner converting.

Relegation

It seemed that the hosts had done enough but deep in injury time a Bournville penalty was moved wide for Mbano to squeeze over near the corner flag and snatch the win.

This Saturday Walsall travel to play Banbury who are doomed to relegation from Midlands One West.

Walsall under-14s were at Dudley Kingswinford last Sunday and produced a spirited display in their 36-24 victory.

The home team looked the stronger at the start and quickly scored two tries.

But Walsall gradually came into the match and replied with tries of their own in the first half from Paolo Odogwu.

It was a much more determined set of visitors in the second half

and with Ben Pickering dominating the lineouts, Walsall marched forward.

Odogwu added two further tries while Stephen Walker and Josh Townrow, also crossed, Odogwu adding the conversions.

Walsall under-eights have now begun to play regular matches. Last week they won both games, against an enthusiastic and determined Willenhall team.

There were fine performances from Sam Younger, Martha Harding, Johannes Christofferson and man of the match Nathan Kelly.

JUNIORS

Cresswell beat Arsenal on way to national final

Cresswell Wanderers under-12s will strut their stuff in the finals of the UEFA Young Champions Tournament – after beating Arsenal.

Cresswell won four of their five games at Luton, losing just once, and defeated Arsenal Development 2-0 in the final.

They now move onto the national finals at Hyde Park, London at the end of May.

Each player from the team will be given a full kit and boots from adidas – and the overall winners will get tickets to the Uefa Champions League Final held at Wembley on May 28.

SHIRE OAK SHARKS 1 SHIRE OAK FALCONS 2 U16S

Brett Wilson again stood in as keeper and had an excellent game. The best chances of a goalless first half fell to the Sharks when Kieran Williams crossed and Sam Butters nearly converted before Teji Sandhu's drive was deflected wide.

Falcons scored halfway through the second half. Soon after Rich Waterhouse put Williams through but his effort hit the side netting. Kam Bevington also forced a save from a curling free-kick before Falcons doubled the lead.

With two minutes remaining Williams netted with a volley for Sharks, but there was too little time for an equaliser.

SHIRE OAK PANTHERS 3 BUSH SCORPIONS 0 U10S

The Scorpions started well but succumbed to some good set-piece goals and a fine volley.

Bush repeatedly threatened on the break but found the Panthers goalkeeper in excellent form.

Bush player of the match was Rhys Burbridge whose fine running and acute passing set up several opportunities.

BUSH SCORPIONS 2 WYRLEY TIGER 1 U10S

The Scorpions hit back to win after falling a goal behind.

A high shot from Sam Davies brought them level but in the second half Scorpions found themselves down to six men and under pressure.

However, hard work at the back kept the goal intact and a swift break saw Rhys Bridges and Regan Stephens combine to set up Ben Southall for the winner with seconds to spare.

BLOXWICH UTD

BROMYARD TOWN 1 BLOXWICH UNITED 4

A brace of goals from Leon Taylor helped the Red Lions to a comfortable win after the long trip to basement side Bromyard.

Taylor's good form in front of goal continued when he put Bloxwich in front after just 10 minutes. The second goal arrived five minutes later as Adam Simkiss curled a free-kick into the net.

Alan Wilkes netted Bloxwich's third a minute before the break although the home side scored from the penalty spot on the stroke of half-time.

Bromyard worked hard in the second half but it was Bloxwich who extended their lead when Taylor scored his second in the 62nd minute.

RUSHALL OLYMPIC

Hat-trick from Lewis as the Pics close in

GLAPWELL 3 RUSHALL OLYMPIC 5

Rushall strengthened their hold on an Evo-Stik First Division South play-off spot with a seventh straight victory.

In what almost turned out to be a game of two halves, the star of the show was undoubtedly striker Matt Lewis.

He racked up his third hat-trick in six league games, making it an incredible 14 goals from 10 starts in a Rushall shirt.

A stunning opening for the Pics set them on their way to victory.

After only four minutes a deep probing free-kick from Mitchell Tolley into the area was met by a powerful header by Lei Brown from 12 yards that rocketed past the despairing dive of Glapwell keeper Andy Richmond.

Following a period of telling pressure from the visitors, on 16 minutes Lewis looped an effort just over the crossbar. Four minutes later some sloppy

marking from Rushall allowed the ball to be swung in from the left to the unmarked Michael Harcourt but he could only fire over from the edge of the penalty area.

Olympic deservedly doubled their advantage on 28 minutes when a well-flighted centre from the left flank by Grant Beckett picked out Lewis who powered in a header from 10 yards past the flat-footed Richmond.

Upended

As Rushall continued to boss proceedings they ended the first period on a high note two minutes before the interval when good work by Danny Lennon was rewarded. He found Lewis in the penalty area and the striker was upended by Matt Varley.

Lewis picked himself up and buried his penalty in the bottom corner. Glapwell began the second period by

giving themselves an early boost when a 49th-minute free-kick by Damian Magee caused panic and Adie Smith ended up turning the ball past his own keeper for an own goal.

Olympic responded on 51 minutes when a free-kick from 40 yards out by Sean Platt was headed just over by Lewis.

The visitors regained their three-goal advantage on 57 minutes when Beckett curled home an unstoppable free-kick.

With 17 minutes left the hosts pulled another goal back in controversial circumstances. Chris Gemmell saved Ian Holmes' penalty but was ruled to have moved too soon. The spot-kick was retaken and Varley drilled the ball home.

But within two minutes Brown had fed Lewis and the striker claimed his hat-trick with a deflected drive.

In the second minute on injury time the hosts claimed a consolation goal as the unmarked Holmes was given far too much space to volley home.



Lei Brown challenges Andy Richmond. Picture: Darren Stockall

LEISURE LEAGUES

Veniton Wolves preserved their perfect start to the Walsall six a side Monday Premier Division season with a resounding 4-0 defeat of CHAFIC.

That was the same scoreline by which Walsall Allstars eased out The 4 Nations.

Wednesfield Boys are sitting pretty in Division One following a 2-0 win over FC Copenbadly.

There were some hard fought games in the final tier, Louis Autos and Sneyd Originals seeing off No Lighty No Likey and Everybody Loves Keown, both by 3-2.

Sallyjoddler are emerging at the sharp end of the Walsall six

a side Premier Division, recording a commanding 4-0 win over Sporting.

It was a good night for the Shelfield sides in the second level.

Both picked up resounding wins, Wednesday 7-0 over Beacon Boys, and Thursday 5-1 against Steau Needarest.

Bath Street demonstrated just why they sit at the summit of Division Two with a 14-0 battering of MJ's.

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WILLENHALL TOWN

OADBY TOWN 2 WILLENHALL TOWN 4

The Lockmen made it back-to-back victories for the first time in two seasons – but they had to do it the hard way.

They made the best possible start when a free-kick into the box produced a blocked shot and Shaun Smith smashed home the rebound to score after only 45 seconds.

The visitors then appeared to switch off and Oadby hit back to take the lead. On 15 minutes Willenhall lost possession to David Fisher who raced towards goal before beating Liam Flynn with a fine shot.

On 26 minutes a simple

ball forward into space saw Sam Taylor latch onto the ball, shake off his marker and again slot past Flynn.

Oadby also hit a post from a Fisher corner as Willenhall struggled.

Willenhall needed a flying start to the second half and got one when Mitch Fellows received the ball from Tom Evans 20 yards from goal and drove in his 27th league goal of the season.

Fellows went close three more times before Sam

Taylor headed onto the bar. The Lockmen made the most of their luck with two goals in a minute from substitute Daniel Bowen-Smith.

On 73 minutes Fellows broke down the left, rounded the keeper and pulled the ball back for Bowen-Smith to net.

And Bowen-Smith was played in almost from the restart and executed a brilliant lob to beat the home keeper.

Fellows forced two more saves from the keeper before Bowen-Smith blazed over in stoppage time as he went for his hat-trick goal.

Involved

Now it was Stourport's turn and their three sorties upfield each yielded a penalty. Rory Meehan kicking all three.

Immediately after the third one the visitors ran the kick-off straight back at the home side and prop Kevin Scott finished off an involved move close to the posts, Meehan adding the extras for a 16-5 interval lead.

In the second half the Aldridge forwards tightened up considerably.

Nine minutes into the half a pick and drive and off-load from lock Eddie O'Neill put scrum-half Chris Jones away.

Festooned with defenders he crossed out wide and converted to bring Aldridge to within four points.

With two minutes remaining Jones surprisingly opted to kick a three-pointer rather than go for the attacking lineup. But it was to prove an inspired decision.

From the restart the Aldridge forwards again drove straight back up to the Stourport line and won a scrumage.

They were now in the "last play" zone, got a shove on and were shunting the opposition back towards their own line.

The inevitable penalty was awarded and Jones once more reliably obliged as the whistle blew for no side.

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SURVIVAL HOPE TAKES A KNOCK

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PLYMOUTH 2 WALSALL 0

When Dean Smith rode to the rescue in January, he never made any predictions.

The boss's impact at Walsall since has been something to behold, one which turned heads and prompted the club to tie him down to a two-year deal.

Since his appointment the Saddlers have given themselves a fighting chance of avoiding the League One drop. But Smith has never been fooled into thinking their revival would guarantee survival and Saturday's lifeless defeat at rock-bottom Plymouth added weight to the realism he has preached.

The level-headed boss has always insisted on pragmatism and never once guaranteed survival – although repeatedly stated, with due cause, it is achievable.

Before Saturday's loss he said the Saddlers couldn't be labelled as favourites – despite the Pilgrims' mountain of problems. How right he was.

Outplayed from first to last, Walsall won't be relegated on the back of a no-show at Plymouth but, should they go down, it will be one of the defining moments which contributed to their fall. Teetering on the precipice, they are looking over at the drop from League One with a dizzying reality following utter disappointment at Home Park.

Confidence

Yet, as is the beauty of football, they had a chance for immediate redemption and even the opportunity to escape League One's drop zone when playing at home to Brentford on Tuesday night.

There is still cause for confidence after the progress Smith has made. That Walsall aren't already relegated is down to him – along with Jon Whitney and Chris Nicholl's – powers of recovery. The trio injected hope and belief into what many described as an impossible job when they took over with the Saddlers eight points from the safety line.

But it is that turnaround which made Saturday a departure to the bad old days. It wasn't a performance Smith has come to expect. It lacked grit, guile and passion. This team could not be criticised for lack of guts since the turn of the year but on Saturday, in their most crucial hour, they went missing. Smith's principles of hard work and commitment were evident but the underlying belief was not.

Cruciate

What will stick in the craw of most of the 313 travelling fans, though, is that Plymouth's hard-up players haven't been paid since December and, essentially, the opposition only had nine fit players on the pitch.

Striker Rory Fallon was not even half-fit having earlier been ruled out with a groin injury while midfielder Simon Walton had played only 20 minutes since February 2009 following torn cruciate knee ligaments.

Yet Plymouth out-battled their visitors – whose only real effort came from a Matt Richards free-kick 17 minutes from time. The players let their manager down – and the supporters who travelled 200 miles to witness a meek surrender.

Afterwards Smith spoke with his natural candour but was clearly fuming.

While he has transformed the atmosphere and tinkered with his line-up he has been unable to fix the underlying flaws.

Defensively they are still prone to lapses and the way Richards allowed Rory Paterson to breeze past him for a game-clinching second goal two minutes from time only served to highlight them.

Yala Bolasie put the Pilgrims ahead after the Saddlers' defence failed to clear just after the break.

Walsall's players know what is expected of them. They must repay the manager's faith.



Backs to the wall defending for Walsall



Substitute Jordan Cook on the ball for the Saddlers

Pictures: Alan Evans



Darren Byfield tries to close down Plymouth Argyle keeper David Button

Boss Smith keeps faith in his team

Saddlers boss Dean Smith insisted he has faith in his squad after their poor show at Plymouth.

"It was a disappointing performance and I thought Plymouth deserved to win," he said.

"It's not what I expect from my players and obviously the two-week break hasn't helped us in any way, shape or form. Plymouth had a two-week break like we did but I saw them play on Tuesday and they looked a bit leggy, like us."

"It's not a performance that I have come to expect from my players and I haven't had it from them before. We've been better than that and training has been no different over the last two weeks so the break is all I can put it down to," he added.

"The players know that they have let their standards drop but we have to make sure we put it behind us and focus on getting back on track on Tuesday against Brentford."

"We've bounced back from defeats before and we will do it again."

"There is quality within this squad and I have every faith in them."

Walker milestone



Jimmy Walker with a jersey to mark his 500th appearance for Walsall

Walsall legend Colin Harrison is backing Jimmy Walker to break his appearance record. Walker was reaching the 500 mark on Tuesday against Brentford and closing in on Harrison's tally of 530, made mostly at full-back.

"If he stays for next season, he's got a great chance," said Harrison. "Look how old the Manchester United goalkeeper is. Edwin van der Sar is 40 so Jimmy is a young lad at 37. I would imagine, if he stays fit and enjoys it, he could play on."

Keeper blast for Walsall's horror show

Furious Jimmy Walker slammed Walsall's Plymouth horror show and branded their performance "shocking".

The Saddlers capitulated 2-0 at rock-bottom Argyle in their crunch relegation battle on Saturday to remain third bottom, three points from safety.

They played poorly at Home Park as Dagenham, Swindon and Tranmere all won to turn up the heat at the foot of League One.

And Walker admitted the Saddlers blew their chance to escape the drop zone.

He said: "We know we let ourselves down. Sometimes things don't go for you but it wasn't there for us and perhaps there was a lack of desire which was unacceptable."

"The break didn't do us any favours but we can't make any excuses for it. We were shocking, the less said about it the better. Let's put it to bed. I won't mention Plymouth again."

"We let everyone down – the fans who travelled, the management and ourselves. We're very disappointed."

Walker made a string of fine saves to keep the Saddlers level before Yala Bolasie and a late finish from Rory Paterson kept Plymouth's survival hopes alive.

He was due to make his 500th Walsall appearance on Tuesday when Brentford were visiting the Banks's Stadium – the first of three straight home games.

And the 37-year-old backed the Saddlers to handle the pressure in the run-in – but admitted they must raise their game.

Massive

He said: "We know what we've got to do but it's down to the lads in the changing room to put it right."

"They are massive games. As a footballer they are the games you want to be playing in, there's a bit of pressure. You want a bit of pressure and that's what we're made for."

"We've got to dig in again now, we've got to go straight back in."

"We can do that, we've shown before after a bad performance we've managed to bounce straight back and that's what we've got to do."

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